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Plaintiff,
v.
CORCEPT THERAPEUTICS, INC., A
OPTIME CARE INC.,
Defendants

Case No. 5:24-cv-03567-NW

**THIRD AMENDED AND
SUPPLEMENTAL COMPLAINT**

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

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1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

2 1. Plaintiff Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. (“Teva”) brings this action against
 3 Defendants Corcept Therapeutics, Inc. (“Corcept”), Optime Care Inc. (“Optime”), and Curant Health
 4 LLC (“Curant,” and together with Corcept and Optime, “Defendants”), for pervasive and highly
 5 damaging antitrust violations that have thwarted Teva’s ability to compete with Corcept and, in turn,
 6 have deprived vulnerable patients of access to lower-cost generic treatments for the debilitating
 7 disease from which they suffer. Teva and Corcept are rival pharmaceutical manufacturers. Optime
 8 and Curant are specialty pharmacies that distribute Corcept’s only product and are contractually
 9 forbidden from distributing any competing products. Together, these Defendants have been engaged
 10 in an ongoing scheme to monopolize the market for Korlym (mifepristone), a cortisol receptor
 11 blocker indicated to treat endogenous Cushing’s syndrome.

12 2. In 2012, Corcept received FDA approval to launch its only branded drug, Korlym, for
 13 the treatment of certain patients with endogenous Cushing’s syndrome. Cushing’s syndrome is a
 14 rare, debilitating disease affecting approximately 20,000 patients in the United States. For this
 15 highly vulnerable patient population, Cushing’s syndrome has a direct, severe impact on quality of
 16 life. Its symptoms include abnormal weight gain, a fatty hump between the shoulders, wide purple
 17 stretch marks, increased fat around the base of the neck, weak muscles, and easy bruising, among
 18 other things. It can also cause many significant health problems, including heart attacks and strokes,
 19 blood clots in the legs and lungs, depression, memory loss, type 2 diabetes, bone loss and fractures,
 20 and a range of infections, among other serious complications. It can be fatal if left untreated, with
 21 some patients having a life expectancy of less than five years without treatment.

22 3. Korlym was the only FDA-approved treatment for endogenous Cushing’s syndrome.
 23 Korlym is a once-a-day pill that is extremely cheap to produce, but Corcept has taken advantage of
 24 its lone position in the market to charge supracompetitive prices—several hundred thousand dollars
 25 or more for a year’s supply—in the decade-plus that Corcept has enjoyed monopoly power.

26 4. Teva sought to break Corcept’s monopoly in 2017, when Teva filed an Abbreviated
 27 New Drug Application (“ANDA”), seeking FDA approval to bring a more affordable generic
 28 version of Korlym to the market. Defendants have engaged in a multipronged scheme to prevent

1 that from happening, including through the wide variety of unlawful means that are the subject of
 2 this lawsuit.

3 5. In the years since Teva filed its generic Korlym ANDA, and continuing to this day,
 4 Defendants have engaged in a multifaceted scheme to prolong Corcept's monopoly by stifling
 5 competition from Teva at every turn. To start, Corcept knowingly, improperly, and fraudulently
 6 manipulated the patent system to delay FDA approval of Teva's generic product by *years*, and
 7 abused the courts through sham litigations that served no purpose but to forestall competition from
 8 Teva. Corcept and Optime also entered into an unprecedented exclusive-dealing agreement that
 9 requires Optime to distribute Corcept's brand Korlym product but expressly forbids it from
 10 distributing any competing products, including Teva's generic, thereby blocking Teva's access to the
 11 key distribution channel and cutting off patients from accessing Teva's lower-priced generic
 12 product. Corcept recently sought to entrench its monopoly further by entering into a similarly
 13 anticompetitive exclusive-dealing agreement with Curant. Lastly, Corcept has engaged in a long-
 14 running campaign to pay bribes and kickbacks to physicians as compensation for continuing to
 15 prescribe brand-name Korlym, notwithstanding the availability of Teva's lower-cost generic.

16 6. Corcept has all but admitted the key components of this scheme. For example, on
 17 one earnings call, Corcept's CFO admitted that Corcept sued Teva for infringing patents that do not
 18 have "a direct read" or any "express connection" to Korlym's FDA-approved label or Teva's
 19 proposed generic label. These remarks make plain (1) that Corcept subjectively understood that it
 20 never should have listed those patents in the FDA's Orange Book, and (2) that its subsequent patent
 21 infringement litigation was not pursued in good faith, but instead was a bad-faith sham, the only
 22 objective of which was to delay competition from Teva for years, buying Corcept more time as a
 23 monopolist so that it could continue exploiting vulnerable patients by charging supracompetitive
 24 prices.

25 7. Similarly, Corcept's SEC filings confirm that its exclusive arrangement with Optime
 26 is a long-term, perpetually-renewing agreement that expressly forbids Optime from working with
 27 Corcept's competitors, and that Optime is not free to terminate this arrangement even if a company

1 like Teva offers it a better deal. On an earnings call, Corcept's President of Endocrinology
 2 confirmed that this highly unusual exclusive-dealing arrangement has succeeded in erecting
 3 substantial "barriers to generic adoption," by blocking by far the most effective distribution channel
 4 Teva could otherwise use to reach patients and threaten Corcept's dominant market share. Corcept's
 5 President of Endocrinology has even brazenly boasted that the company's exclusive agreement with
 6 Optime has allowed Defendants to circumvent a host of state "automatic substitution" laws that are
 7 designed to protect patients by requiring or encouraging pharmacists to dispense lower-priced
 8 generic drugs in place of higher-priced brand drugs. Thanks to its exclusive scheme with Optime,
 9 Corcept's executive gloated, Corcept has ensured that "automatic substitution does not happen ...
 10 like you see in a lot of these cases" after a more affordable generic drug becomes available.
 11 Corcept's recent agreement with Curant is designed to, and will, perpetuate these anticompetitive
 12 effects to an even greater extent.

13 8. Corcept has further entrenched its monopoly by paying physicians illicit bribes and
 14 kickbacks to induce them to prescribe brand Korlym, notwithstanding the availability of Teva's
 15 lower-priced generic—which has stifled competition and robbed vulnerable patients and their health
 16 plans of the opportunity to choose Teva's lower-priced generic in place of Corcept's more expensive
 17 brand product. These allegations are supported by publicly available payment and prescription data,
 18 well-sourced allegations in a federal securities lawsuit against Corcept, reporting by investigative
 19 journalists, and an ongoing investigation into Corcept by the United States Attorney's Office for the
 20 District of New Jersey.

21 9. Defendants' multipronged scheme has been remarkably effective—and remarkably
 22 damaging, with Teva and patients ultimately paying the price. Teva launched its generic product
 23 approximately two years ago, but during that time Teva has captured almost no market share—less
 24 than 4% of the market—despite offering a product that is identical to brand Korlym and materially
 25 less expensive. In the words of Corcept's own President of Endocrinology on May 1, 2024, almost
 26 three-and-a-half months after Teva's generic product launched, Corcept was "not aware of losing
 27 any patients to generic mifepristone." And on July 29, 2024—more than six months after Teva
 28

1 launched—Corcept’s President of Endocrinology re-affirmed that “[t]he Teva product has been
 2 available in the channel for many months, so it’s out there, but it has had very little impact on our
 3 business.”

4 10. These results are unheard-of and would be impossible to explain in a functioning,
 5 competitive pharmaceutical market, where generic drugs typically capture 60-75% of the market or
 6 more in their first six months, and patients enjoy the benefits of robust competition and lower prices.
 7 As a result, Teva has been deprived of substantial revenue, and vulnerable patients have been forced
 8 to continue paying supracompetitive prices for Corcept’s brand product when an identical—and
 9 more affordable—generic option is available, but inaccessible, thanks to Defendants’ ongoing
 10 anticompetitive scheme.

11 11. The antitrust laws do not tolerate this state of affairs. Judicial intervention is
 12 necessary to remedy the substantial damages Teva has already suffered, and to restore competition to
 13 the market for Korlym, so that Teva can compete on a level playing field going forward and patients
 14 can enjoy the benefits of lower-priced generic drugs as Congress intended.

15 II. PARTIES

16 A. Plaintiff

17 12. Plaintiff Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. (“Teva”) is a pharmaceutical manufacturer
 18 organized and existing under the laws of Delaware with its principal place of business at 400
 19 Interpace Parkway, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054.

20 B. Defendants

21 13. On information and belief, Defendant Corcept Therapeutics, Inc. (“Corcept”) is a
 22 pharmaceutical manufacturer organized and existing under the laws of Delaware with its principal
 23 place of business at 149 Commonwealth Drive, Menlo Park, California 94025.

24 14. On information and belief, Defendant Optime Care Inc. (“Optime”) is a specialty
 25 pharmacy organized and existing under the laws of Delaware with its principal place of business at
 26 4060 Wedgeway Court, Earth City, Missouri 63045.

1 15. On information and belief, Defendant Curant Health Georgia LLC (“Curant”) is a
 2 specialty pharmacy organized and existing under the laws of Delaware with its principal place of
 3 business at 200 Technology Ct. SE STE B, Smyrna, GA 30082.

4 **III. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

5 16. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the federal law claims alleged in this
 6 action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 28 U.S.C. § 1337, as this action arises under the antitrust
 7 laws of the United States, including Sections 1 and 2 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1 and 2, and
 8 Sections 4 and 16 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 15(a) and 26.

9 17. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the state law claims alleged in this
 10 action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1337, as the state law claims are so related to the federal law claims
 11 as to form part of the same case or controversy. Such supplemental or pendent subject matter
 12 jurisdiction will also avoid unnecessary duplication and multiplicity of actions, and should be
 13 exercised in the interests of judicial economy, convenience, and fairness.

14 18. The actions complained of occurred in, and substantially affected, interstate
 15 commerce. Specifically, Defendants are engaged in interstate commerce and in activities
 16 substantially affecting interstate commerce. Defendants’ conduct alleged herein has a substantial
 17 effect on interstate commerce. Defendants market and sell Korlym in interstate commerce, in all
 18 states and territories of the United States. Patients across the country purchase Corcept’s drug
 19 product, Korlym.

20 19. Corcept may be found in, transacts business in, is headquartered in, and is subject to
 21 personal jurisdiction in, the Northern District of California.

22 20. Optime transacts business in, and is subject to personal jurisdiction in, the Northern
 23 District of California, by virtue of marketing and sales activities that purposefully and deliberately
 24 target consumers of Korlym (including health plans and patients) in California.

25 21. The violations of law alleged in this Complaint took place, in part, and have injured
 26 Teva in this judicial district. Venue is therefore proper in the Northern District of California
 27 pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §§ 15 and 22, and 28 U.S.C. § 1331.

1 **IV. REGULATORY BACKGROUND**

2 22. Federal drug laws “reflect an attempt to balance two competing interests: [p]romoting
 3 competition between ‘brand-name’ or ‘innovator drugs’ and ‘generic’ drugs, and encouraging
 4 research and innovation.”¹ As a compromise between these goals, Congress enacted the Drug Price
 5 Competition and Patent Term Restoration Act, known as the Hatch-Waxman Act, in 1984.²

6 23. Federal patent law and the Hatch-Waxman Act provide exclusivity periods to
 7 incentivize brand drug makers to innovate and develop new drugs. At the same time, the Hatch-
 8 Waxman Act streamlines the generic drug approval process and creates incentives for generic
 9 manufacturers to come to market as quickly as possible. Congress wanted to encourage the speedy
 10 approval of generic drugs because the entry of generic drugs into the market produces enormous cost
 11 savings to patients and health insurers.

12 24. When pharmaceutical markets operate under competitive conditions as intended by
 13 Congress, the market switches rapidly from the brand to a lower-priced generic when the lower-
 14 priced generic becomes available. Patients benefit in the form of substantial savings and increased
 15 access to affordable medicines, while generic manufacturers benefit in the form of revenue and
 16 market share.

17 25. Corcept understood that the market for Korlym would be no exception to these
 18 competitive dynamics. To prolong its monopoly and combat the risk of losing profits and market
 19 share to Teva’s lower-priced generic product, Corcept resorted to a multitude of unlawful tactics to
 20 stifle competition and keep prices high, including knowingly listing ineligible patents (which it knew
 21 and publicly admitted did not even cover Korlym) in the FDA’s Orange Book, engaging in sham
 22 patent litigation, entering into an anticompetitive exclusive-dealing arrangement with Optime (and
 23 later Curant) to choke off the only effective distribution channel, and making illicit payments to
 24 physicians to ensure they continue prescribing brand Korlym.

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¹ Patent Submission and Listing Requirements, 68 Fed. Reg. 36676-01, 36676 (June 18, 2003).

27 ² Pub. L. No. 98-417, 98 Stat. 1585 (1984).
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1 **A. The Regulatory Process for Approval of New Drugs**

2 26. Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (“FDCA”), 21 U.S.C. § 301, *et seq.*,
 3 the United States Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) must approve a new drug before it can be
 4 sold on the market.³ To obtain FDA approval for a new brand-name drug, a manufacturer must file
 5 a New Drug Application (“NDA”) that includes certain specified information, including examples of
 6 the proposed label for the drug and any patents that claim the drug substance (active ingredient),
 7 drug product (formulation or composition), or a method of using the drug for which approval is
 8 sought in the NDA.⁴

9 27. Under the Hatch-Waxman Act, brand drug companies receive periods of “regulatory
 10 exclusivity” to protect intellectual property rights and encourage innovation through new drug
 11 development.⁵

12 28. “The FDA publishes the names of approved drugs and their associated patent
 13 information in the *Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations* list,
 14 commonly referred to as the ‘Orange Book.’”⁶

15 29. The Hatch-Waxman Act and FDA regulations require brand manufacturers to publish
 16 information about the patents that cover their drugs in the Orange Book, so that prospective
 17 competitors—including generic drug manufacturers—can understand the scope of a brand drug’s
 18 ostensible patent protection.⁷ Accurate Orange Book information promotes competition by allowing
 19 generic companies to “assess the intellectual property assertions related to an NDA holder’s product
 20 that could potentially block entry of their proposed ... generic drug product.”⁸

21 ³ 21 U.S.C. § 355(a).

22 ⁴ *Id.* § 355(b)(1)(A)(vi), (viii).

23 ⁵ Cong. Rsch. Serv., *The Role of Patents and Regulatory Exclusivities in Drug Pricing*
 24 (Jan. 30, 2024), <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R46679>.

25 ⁶ *AstraZeneca LP v. Apotex, Inc.*, 633 F.3d 1042, 1045 (Fed. Cir. 2010).

26 ⁷ 21 U.S.C. §§ 355(b)(1)(A)(viii), (c)(2); 21 C.F.R. § 314.53(b)(1).

27 ⁸ Listing of Patent Information in the Orange Book, 85 Fed. Reg. 33169-01, 33172 (June 1,
 2020).

1 30. Under federal law, only certain types of patents are permitted to be listed in the
 2 Orange Book. To be eligible for listing in the Orange Book, a patent must claim the drug for which
 3 the brand company submitted its NDA, and either the drug substance (active ingredient), the drug
 4 product (formulation or composition), or a method of using the drug for which approval is sought or
 5 has been granted in the NDA.⁹ With respect to method-of-use patents, FDA regulations have long
 6 emphasized that “[i]f an NDA applicant or holder or patent owner intends to submit information on a
 7 patent that claims a method of use, the patent *must claim a use that is described in the NDA*. If we
 8 have already approved the NDA, the patent *must claim a method of use that is in the labeling of the*
 9 *approved NDA.*”¹⁰

10 31. Listing a patent in the Orange Book gives brand manufacturers the power, by later
 11 suing for infringement of that same listed patent, to trigger an automatic delay of FDA approval of
 12 competing generic products for 30 months—regardless of whether the patent is valid or infringed,
 13 and regardless of whether the patent was properly listed in the Orange Book.¹¹

14 32. The FDA does not review brand companies’ Orange Book listings to ensure that their
 15 patents are eligible to be listed there. “[T]he FDA does not verify that submitted patents actually
 16 meet statutory listing criteria, nor does the FDA proactively remove improperly listed patents.”¹²
 17 Rather, the FDA’s ““duties with respect to Orange Book listings are purely ministerial,”” meaning
 18 the FDA simply lists patent information provided by brand companies without independently
 19 checking that a patent should be listed in the Orange Book.¹³

20 **B. The Generic Drug Approval Process and Market Entry**

21 33. When the exclusivity period for a brand drug expires, generic competitors may enter
 22 the market with lower-cost generic substitutes. The Hatch-Waxman Act created a streamlined

23 ⁹ 21 U.S.C. § 355(b)(1)(A)(viii).

24 ¹⁰ Patent Submission and Listing Requirements, 68 Fed. Reg. at 36681 (emphasis added).

25 ¹¹ 21 U.S.C. § 355(j)(5)(B)(iii).

26 ¹² *Jazz Pharms., Inc. v. Avadel CNS Pharms., LLC*, 60 F.4th 1373, 1378 (Fed. Cir. 2023).

27 ¹³ *Id.*

1 process for approving generic drugs for entry into the market. Additionally, in certain circumstances
 2 the Hatch-Waxman Act grants the first generic entrant the exclusive right to sell a generic version
 3 (alongside the brand drug) for 180 days. This limited period of exclusivity further incentivizes
 4 generic entry and encourages generic manufacturers to challenge patents that are not infringed by a
 5 proposed generic product, which entails expensive and time-consuming litigation but can result in
 6 generic entry years earlier than the listed patents' expiration dates. As explained in more detail
 7 below, a first generic nearly always captures a large market share and drives down prices
 8 immediately upon entering the market. The resulting competition tends to dramatically reduce drug
 9 prices, saving health insurers and patients billions of dollars across the market every year.

10 **1. The FDA's Generic Drug Approval Process**

11 34. When a drug applicant seeks the FDA's approval to introduce a generic version of an
 12 approved drug, the drug applicant may file an Abbreviated New Drug Application ("ANDA").¹⁴ An
 13 ANDA is a more streamlined submission than an NDA, because it allows the generic applicant to
 14 rely on the safety and efficacy information previously documented by a brand company if the
 15 generic company can demonstrate "bioequivalence" between its generic drug and the brand drug.¹⁵

16 35. The Hatch-Waxman Act permitted the submission of ANDAs, rather than full NDAs,
 17 as part of a deliberate and carefully constructed attempt to balance competing policy priorities in the
 18 pharmaceutical industry. On the one hand, Congress sought to encourage "pioneering research and
 19 development of new drugs," while on the other hand, "enabling competitors to bring low-cost,
 20 generic copies of those drugs to market."¹⁶

21 36. Before Congress passed the Hatch-Waxman Act, *all* drug makers—including generic
 22 drug manufacturers—had to submit full NDAs before marketing a drug, with extensive and costly

24 ¹⁴ 21 U.S.C. § 355(j).

25 ¹⁵ *Id.* § 355(j)(2)(A).

26 ¹⁶ *Andrx Pharms., Inc. v. Biovail Corp.*, 276 F.3d 1368, 1371 (Fed. Cir. 2002); *see also Eli Lilly & Co. v. Medtronic, Inc.*, 496 U.S. 661, 676 (1990) (explaining that Congress authorized ANDAs, substantially shortening the time and effort needed to obtain marketing approval, to enable new drugs to be marketed more quickly and cheaply).

1 animal studies and human clinical trials. As a result, very few generic drugs had come to market
 2 prior to the Hatch-Waxman Act, because the costs and risks of bringing a generic drug to market
 3 often outweighed the benefits, particularly because generics sell for a fraction of the price of brand-
 4 name drugs and generate much smaller profits.¹⁷

5 37. The Hatch-Waxman Act therefore created Section 505(j)—a simplified, less
 6 expensive process by which generic drug manufacturers may seek approval of a new generic drug.
 7 Instead of submitting a full NDA, generic drug manufacturers may now submit an ANDA which
 8 requires only a showing that a proposed generic drug is bioequivalent to the reference listed brand
 9 drug. A bioequivalent drug shares the same method of administration, dosage, form and rate of
 10 absorption, and effects as the reference listed drug.¹⁸ After establishing bioequivalence, the FDA
 11 permits the ANDA applicant to rely on the reference listed drug's clinical studies and trials for safety
 12 and efficacy data.¹⁹

13 38. As a result, generic versions of brand-name drugs contain the same active ingredient,
 14 and are determined by the FDA to be just as safe and effective, as their brand-name counterparts.
 15 Generic drugs meeting these standards receive an "AB rating." The only material difference
 16 between generic drugs and their corresponding brand-name versions is their price.

17 **2. The Orange Book and the Generic Drug Approval Process**

18 39. Under the Hatch-Waxman Act, generic manufacturers must follow certain procedures
 19 with respect to the Orange Book. During the ANDA application process, a generic manufacturer
 20 must include in its submission a certification addressing all of the patents that the brand drug
 21 company has listed in the Orange Book at the time the ANDA is filed.

22 40. An ANDA applicant must certify one of the following:

24 ¹⁷ See Gary Owens, *Seizing the Opportunity*, 1 Am. Health Drug Benefits 3, 52-55 (2008),
 25 <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4115321/#R1> ("In 1984, only about 18.6% of all
 prescriptions in the United States were filled with generic medications.").

26 ¹⁸ 21 U.S.C. § 355(j)(2); 21 C.F.R. § 320.

27 ¹⁹ 21 U.S.C. § 355(j).

- (i) No patents have been listed in the Orange Book.
- (ii) The patents listed in the Orange Book have expired.
- (iii) The generic manufacturer will not market its competing product until after the patents listed in the Orange Book expire.
- (iv) The patents listed in the Orange Book are “invalid or will not be infringed by the manufacture, use, or sale” of the generic product.²⁰

41. These certifications are known as Paragraph I, Paragraph II, Paragraph III, and Paragraph IV certifications, respectively.

42. Paragraph I, II, and III certifications do not threaten a brand company's current patent(s). However, because a Paragraph IV certification challenges the validity, enforceability, or infringement of a brand company's patent(s), the ANDA applicant must provide the brand company with notice of the Paragraph IV certification.²¹

43. In turn, the Hatch-Waxman Act deems a Paragraph IV certification to be a technical act of patent infringement, which gives subject matter jurisdiction to the courts and allows a brand manufacturer to immediately sue the generic manufacturer for patent infringement upon receiving notice of the generic company's Paragraph IV certification—even *before* the generic drug enters the market.²² However, a brand manufacturer can only sue the generic applicant if it has a good faith basis to assert infringement.

44. If a brand company sues a generic company for patent infringement within 45 days of receiving notice of the generic company's Paragraph IV certification based upon a patent listed in the Orange Book at the time the ANDA is filed, FDA approval for the generic drug is automatically stayed for 30 months.²³ This 30-month stay remains in place unless the relevant patents expire or

²⁰ *Id.* § 355(j)(2)(A)(vii).

²¹ *Id.* § 355(j)(2)(B).

²² *Id.* § 355(j)(5)(B)(iii).

23 *Id.*

1 the ANDA applicant succeeds in the infringement action (or the parties settle) before the 30-month
 2 period is over.²⁴

3 45. When an ANDA otherwise meets the substantive requirements for approval, but
 4 cannot receive effective approval because of the 30-month stay or some form of exclusivity (*i.e.*,
 5 marketing exclusivity granted by the FDA), the FDA may grant the application “tentative
 6 approval.”²⁵ To receive tentative approval, an ANDA must meet all of the requirements for approval
 7 generally; that is, the only barrier to outright approval must be the pendency of the 30-month stay or
 8 an exclusivity period.²⁶

9 46. An ANDA that has received tentative approval is not approved, and the drug may not
 10 legally be marketed, until the FDA conducts any necessary additional review of the application,
 11 confirms that the application continues to meet the standards for final approval, and issues a letter
 12 granting the ANDA final approval.²⁷

13 47. Receiving tentative approval does not guarantee that an ANDA will receive final
 14 approval. FDA regulations explain that the “FDA’s tentative approval of a drug product is based on
 15 information available to FDA at the time of the tentative approval letter (*i.e.*, information in the
 16 ANDA and the status of current good manufacturing practices of the facilities used in the
 17 manufacturing and testing of the drug product) and is therefore subject to change on the basis of new
 18 information that may come to FDA’s attention.”²⁸ For example, it is common for generic drug
 19 companies to submit amendments to their ANDAs after receiving tentative approval. Such
 20 amendments can require new rounds of FDA review and approval before an ANDA is deemed
 21 eligible for final approval. For instance, if an applicant submits a standard amendment adding a new
 22 facility that will be involved in manufacturing the generic drug product, the FDA will classify that

23 ²⁴ *Id.*

24 ²⁵ *Id.* § 355(j)(5)(B)(iv)(II)(dd)(AA); 21 C.F.R. § 314.107(b)(3)(v).

25 ²⁶ 21 U.S.C. § 355(j)(5)(B)(iv)(II)(dd)(AA).

26 ²⁷ *Id.* § 355(j)(5)(B)(iv)(II)(dd)(BB); 21 C.F.R. §§ 314.105(d), 314.107(b)(3)(v).

27 ²⁸ 21 C.F.R. 314.105(d).

1 amendment as a major amendment requiring a preapproval inspection of the new facility, and will
 2 set a 10-month review goal for that amendment.²⁹

3 **3. Incentives for Generic Manufacturers to Enter the Market**

4 48. In the Hatch-Waxman Act, Congress created a special incentive for generic drug
 5 companies to submit Paragraph IV certifications challenging brand companies' patents. Above all,
 6 the first generic company to submit an ANDA with a Paragraph IV certification for a given drug
 7 may receive the exclusive right to sell a generic version of the drug for 180 days.³⁰ This 180-day
 8 period begins when the generic company launches its product. During this 180-day period, the FDA
 9 is prohibited from approving other generic manufacturers' ANDAs. The only competition the first
 10 ANDA filer faces during this period is the brand manufacturer who, under its own NDA, may sell or
 11 license its own generic product (known as an "authorized generic"), in addition to continuing to sell
 12 the brand product.

13 49. The promise of this 180-day exclusivity period offers a strong incentive because
 14 during this time, a first generic typically captures a durable market share advantage. One study
 15 found that the first generic entrant has a market share advantage of 80% over the second generic
 16 entrant, and 225% over the third entrant over a three-year period of analysis.³¹

17 50. When pharmaceutical markets operate competitively—as Congress intended—
 18 generic drugs typically capture a large market share from the brand company immediately upon
 19 entering the market. That is in large part because generics are nearly always priced at a material
 20 discount compared to the brand product. One study found that first generics launch at an average list
 21 price discount of 18% compared to the brand, and that savings are even greater when considering net
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23 ²⁹ See generally U.S. Dep't of Health & Human Servs., *ANDA Submissions—Amendments and Requests for Final Approval to Tentatively Approved ANDAs Guidance for Industry* (Jan. 2024), <https://www.fda.gov/media/119718/download>.

25 ³⁰ See 21 U.S.C. §§ 355(j)(5)(B)(iv)(I), 355(j)(5)(B)(iv)(aa)-(cc), 355(j)(5)(D)(iii).

26 ³¹ Yu Yu & Saching Gupta, *Pioneering Advantage in Generic Drug Competition*, 8 Int'l J. Pharm. & Healthcare Mktg., vol. 8, no. 2 (2014), <https://www.emerald.com/insight/content/doi/10.1108/IJPHM-11-2013-0063/full/html>.

1 price, as first generics launch at net prices that are, on average, 30% less than the brand drug's net
 2 price.³²

3 51. Furthermore, since the passage of the Hatch-Waxman Act, every state has adopted
 4 substitution laws that either require or permit pharmacies to substitute bioequivalent generic drugs
 5 for brand drug prescriptions, unless the prescribing physician specifically orders otherwise.³³

6 52. At least 12 states and territories have mandatory generic substitution laws, which
 7 require pharmacists to substitute generic versions of prescribed drugs if all prescription requirements
 8 are met.³⁴

9 53. At least 40 states and territories have permissive generic substitution laws, which
 10 permit pharmacists to substitute generic versions of prescribed drugs if all prescription requirements
 11 are met.³⁵

12 54. Generic substitution laws can only operate as intended if the relevant pharmacy
 13 carries the generic version of the prescribed drug. Otherwise, the pharmacist has nothing to
 14 substitute, and must—of necessity—dispense the brand version despite the preference for lower-
 15 priced generics by Congress, state legislatures, patients, and health insurers.

17 ³² Ass'n for Accessible Medicines, *Access Denied: Why New Generics Are Not Reaching*
 18 *America's Seniors*, at 7 (Sept. 2019), https://accessiblemeds.org/sites/default/files/2019-09/AAM-White-Paper-Access-Denied-First-Genericss-web_0.pdf.

19 ³³ Jesse C. Vivian, *Generic-Substitution Laws*, 33 U.S. Pharm. 30 (2008),
 20 <https://www.uspharmacist.com/article/generic-substitution-laws>; see also Alison Masson & Robert
 21 L. Steiner, *Generic Substitution and Prescription Drug Prices: Economic Effects of State Drug*
Product Selection Laws (1985), <https://www.ftc.gov/sites/default/files/documents/reports/generic-substitution-prescription-drug-prices-economic-effects-state-drug-product-selection-laws/massonsteiner.pdf>.

23 ³⁴ These states and territories are Florida, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi,
 24 New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Washington, and West Virginia.
 See Jesse C. Vivian, *Generic-Substitution Laws*, 33 U.S. Pharm. 30 (2008),
<https://www.uspharmacist.com/article/generic-substitution-laws>.

25 ³⁵ These states and territories are Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado,
 26 Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana,
 27 Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New
 Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, South
 Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. See id.

1 55. Thanks to generic substitution laws and other institutional features of pharmaceutical
 2 distribution and use, the pharmaceutical industry exhibits an economic dynamic in which the launch
 3 of bioequivalent generics results in rapid price declines and rapid sales shifts from brand to generic
 4 purchasing. In fact—assuming markets are functioning competitively—once a generic drug enters
 5 the market, it quickly captures sales of the corresponding brand drug, often capturing 60-75% or
 6 more of the market within the first six months, and usually more than 80% within the first year.³⁶

7 56. These dynamics entail substantial savings for health plans and patients. A 2022 FDA
 8 study found that generic drug approvals in 2018, 2019, and 2020 resulted in savings of \$17.8 billion,
 9 \$24.8 billion, and \$10.7 billion, respectively, based on sales generated in the 12 months following
 10 the approval of a generic drug.³⁷

11 57. Of course, when markets function competitively, the rapid gains in revenue and
 12 market share experienced by generic companies—and the substantial savings experienced by
 13 patients and health plans—come at the expense of brand companies, who see a rapid loss of revenue
 14 and market share. As a result, for brand companies like Corcept that have only one product,
 15 unfettered competition from generic drugs can be an existential threat.

16 V. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

17 58. Cushing’s syndrome patients stood to benefit enormously from lower prices and
 18 expanded access thanks to competition from Teva’s generic Korlym. But that meant Corcept stood
 19 to lose hundreds of millions of dollars in profits when faced with generic competition from Teva. As
 20 detailed below, Corcept’s response was to manipulate the patent, regulatory, and distribution
 21 systems to extend its monopoly and stifle the generic competition that Congress sought to
 22 encourage. These tactics included listing patents in the Orange Book that Corcept knew (and

23 ³⁶ See, e.g., Henry Grabowski et al., *Continuing Trends in U.S. Brand-Name and Generic Drug*
 24 *Competition*, 24 J. Medical Econ. 908 (2021),
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13696998.2021.1952795>.

25 ³⁷ See Ryan Conrad et al., *Estimating Cost Savings from New Generic Approvals in 2018, 2019,*
 26 *and 2020*, FDA (Aug. 2022), <https://www.fda.gov/media/161540/download>. “Savings” are
 27 calculated by subtracting sales revenue prior to an ANDA approval by “current” sales revenue (i.e.,
 sales revenue for the unique drug product following a generic approval). These figures account for
 all generic approvals in these years where sales revenue data is available.

1 publicly admitted) did not cover Korlym and thus were ineligible to be listed there, bringing sham
 2 patent litigation, blocking access to the key pharmacy distribution channel, and improperly
 3 influencing prescriber behavior through bribes and kickbacks. This scheme is ongoing, and has been
 4 extraordinarily effective at unlawfully impeding generic Korlym competition from Teva.

5 **A. The FDA Approves Korlym to Treat a Subset of Endogenous Cushing's
 6 Syndrome, a Rare Disorder, Under the Orphan Drug Act.**

7 59. Korlym is a once-daily oral pill that blocks the actions of a hormone called cortisol, to
 8 reduce the side effects caused by excess cortisol in the body. On February 17, 2012, the FDA
 9 approved Korlym for a single indication: "to control hyperglycemia [*i.e.*, high blood sugar]
 10 secondary to hypercortisolism in adult patients with endogenous Cushing's syndrome who have type
 11 2 diabetes mellitus or glucose intolerance and have failed surgery or are not candidates for
 12 surgery."³⁸

13 60. Endogenous Cushing's syndrome is a debilitating and rare disease that occurs when
 14 the body is exposed to high levels of cortisol produced by the adrenal glands for a sustained period
 15 of time. Endogenous Cushing's syndrome is most commonly caused by a hormone-secreting tumor
 16 in the adrenal or pituitary glands. In the adrenal glands, the tumor produces too much cortisol. In
 17 the pituitary gland, the tumor produces too much ACTH (adrenocorticotropic hormone), a
 18 neuroendocrine hormone that tells the adrenal glands to produce cortisol. Both types of tumors
 19 result in excess cortisol production leading to Cushing's syndrome. Korlym blocks the
 20 glucocorticoid receptor type II (GR-II) to which cortisol binds, thereby inhibiting the effects of
 21 excess cortisol in Cushing's syndrome patients.

22 61. Endogenous Cushing's syndrome is a rare disease affecting approximately 20,000
 23 patients in the United States.

24 62. Cushing's syndrome severely impacts quality of life for those who suffer from the
 25 disease. The most common symptoms of Cushing's syndrome include weight gain in the trunk, with
 26 thin arms and legs; weight gain in the face (sometimes called moon face); a fatty lump between the

27 ³⁸ https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2012/202107s000lbl.pdf.

1 shoulders (sometimes referred to as a buffalo hump); pink or purple stretch marks on the stomach,
 2 hips, thighs, breasts, and underarms; thin, frail skin that bruises easily; slow wound healing; acne;
 3 for women, thick, dark hair on the face and body and periods that are irregular or stop; for men,
 4 lower sex drive, reduced fertility, and erectile dysfunction. Other symptoms include extreme
 5 tiredness, muscle weakness, depression, anxiety, irritability, memory loss, sleeplessness, high blood
 6 pressure, headaches, infections, bone loss, and stunted growth.

7 63. Cushing's syndrome can also cause a range of serious complications, including heart
 8 attacks and strokes, blood clots, depression, memory loss, type 2 diabetes, bone loss and fractures,
 9 serious or multiple infections, loss of muscle mass and strength, and other serious complications.

10 64. Cushing's syndrome can be fatal if left untreated. Studies have found that some
 11 patients have a life expectancy of five years or less without treatment.

12 65. Cushing's syndrome is typically treated by an endocrinologist. An endocrinologist is
 13 a physician who specializes in diagnosing and treating conditions that affect the body's glandular
 14 systems, including the adrenal glands, hypothalamus, pancreas, parathyroid glands, pituitary gland,
 15 reproductive glands, and thyroid, in addition to bone and lipid metabolism. Because endogenous
 16 Cushing's syndrome is so rare, only a small subset of endocrinologists nationwide specialize in
 17 diagnosing and treating Cushing's syndrome. As of 2013, approximately 300 endocrinologists
 18 treated approximately 70% of all Cushing's syndrome patients in the United States.

19 66. When Korlym was approved by the FDA, it qualified for what is known as "orphan"
 20 status under the Orphan Drug Act of 1983.

21 67. The Orphan Drug Act was enacted to promote research and development of
 22 medicines used to treat rare diseases.³⁹ Orphan drug designation is available for disease treatments
 23 affecting fewer than 200,000 patients in the United States.⁴⁰ Orphan drug designation is reserved for
 24 diseases and conditions that lack adequate treatments.⁴¹

25 ³⁹ 21 U.S.C. § 360bb.

26 ⁴⁰ *Id.*

27 ⁴¹ Orphan Drug Act, Pub. L. No. 97-414, § 1(b)(2) (Jan. 4, 1983) (orphan drugs are those that
 28 treat diseases and conditions for which "adequate drugs ... have not been developed").

1 68. Along with the orphan designation, the developing sponsor obtains certain benefits,
 2 including tax credits for clinical testing, assistance from the FDA in the drug development process,
 3 and seven years of marketing exclusivity for the drug.⁴² The market exclusivity period begins when
 4 the FDA approves the drug, but a brand drug company must comply with FDA requirements in order
 5 to maintain orphan drug exclusivity “for the full 7-year term of exclusive approval.”⁴³

6 69. The FDA granted Korlym orphan drug status on July 5, 2007. The FDA approved
 7 Corcept’s NDA for Korlym on February 17, 2012. To be clear, however, Corcept did not invent
 8 Korlym’s active ingredient (mifepristone), its formulation, or its use for the treatment of Cushing’s
 9 syndrome, all of which had been well documented by the 1980s. Nor was Corcept required to
 10 conduct large-scale clinical trials before receiving FDA approval for Korlym, because the drug was
 11 already well known and characterized long before Corcept filed its NDA.

12 70. Corcept launched Korlym in 2012. Corcept’s orphan drug status was set to expire on
 13 February 17, 2019, seven years after Korlym received FDA approval.

14 **B. Korlym Is Corcept’s Only Product and Is Enormously Expensive and**
 15 **Enormously Profitable.**

16 71. Korlym is Corcept’s only FDA-approved drug. Korlym provides Corcept with 100%
 17 of its revenue.

18 72. Korlym is a very expensive medication. As of September 13, 2024, the website
 19 Drugs.com estimates the monthly cost (28 tablets) for a 300 mg Korlym prescription at
 20 approximately \$20,403.58, or more than \$244,000 per patient, per year.⁴⁴ Notably, the FDA’s
 21 approved dosing guidelines provide that Korlym’s daily dosage may be increased to as much as
 22 1200 mg per day,⁴⁵ meaning that in a single year, a patient on Korlym could pay up to \$980,000 for

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24 ⁴² 21 U.S.C. § 360cc.

25 ⁴³ 21 C.F.R. § 316.34(a).

26 ⁴⁴ <https://www.drugs.com/price-guide/korlym> (last visited Sept. 13, 2024).

27 ⁴⁵ https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2019/202107s008lbl.pdf at 1.

1 his or her prescription at the highest recommended dose. These prices remain supracompetitive even
 2 though Corcept listed an authorized generic version of Korlym on or around May 28, 2024.

3 73. Relative to its price tag, Korlym is very inexpensive to produce. In its most recent
 4 10-K, Corcept reported that its “Cost of Sales”—which includes the cost of manufacturing Korlym,
 5 among other things—was just 1.3% of Corcept’s total revenue for each of the years 2023 and
 6 2022.⁴⁶ Given that 100% of Corcept’s revenue derives from sales of Korlym, it is apparent that
 7 Corcept’s profit margins for Korlym are equal to 98.7% at minimum. Put another way, Corcept has
 8 been able to price Korlym at nearly 77-times the marginal cost of manufacturing it.

9 **C. Teva Files an ANDA Seeking FDA Approval to Market a Generic Version of
 10 Korlym—But Is Blocked by Patents Corcept Improperly Listed in the Orange
 Book and Corcept’s Sham Patent Infringement Litigation.**

11 74. On December 15, 2017, Teva filed ANDA 211436. Teva’s ANDA was the first
 12 ANDA to seek approval for a generic version of Korlym.

13 75. At the time Teva filed its ANDA, Corcept had only two patents for Korlym listed in
 14 the Orange Book: U.S. patent number 8,921,348 (the ‘348 patent) and U.S. patent number 9,829,495
 15 (the ‘495 patent). Neither of these patents had a connection to the approved Korlym label.
 16 Corcept’s weak intellectual property rights reflect the fact that Corcept did not undertake significant
 17 innovation in bringing Korlym to market. As noted above, Korlym’s active ingredient
 18 (mifepristone), mifepristone formulations, and the use of mifepristone to treat Cushing’s syndrome,
 19 were all well known decades before Corcept submitted its NDA.

20 76. Teva’s ANDA included a Paragraph IV certification with respect to both the ‘348 and
 21 ‘495 patents. Because Teva’s ANDA was the first ANDA with a Paragraph IV certification for a
 22 generic version of Korlym, Teva’s ANDA was eligible for a 180-day exclusivity period upon
 23 receiving FDA approval and launching.

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 26 ⁴⁶ <https://ir.corcept.com/static-files/455a877a-cbe5-4bd2-8953-5f208a6d6642> at 33, 36
 27 (reporting 2023 cost of sales were \$6.5 million, compared to net product revenue of \$482.4 million,
 28 and reporting 2022 cost of sales were \$5.4 million, compared to net product revenue of
 \$401.9 million).

1 77. Corcept sued Teva for infringing the ‘348 and ‘495 patents in the United States
 2 District Court for the District of New Jersey on March 15, 2018.⁴⁷ By filing that lawsuit, Corcept
 3 triggered a 30-month stay of FDA approval for Teva’s generic. If the ‘348 and ‘495 patents had not
 4 been listed in the Orange Book at the time Teva filed its ANDA, Corcept could not have triggered a
 5 30-month stay of FDA approval for Teva’s generic, even if Corcept had sued Teva for infringement
 6 of those same patents.

7 78. Teva’s ANDA received tentative approval on October 12, 2018—less than 10 months
 8 after Teva filed the ANDA.⁴⁸ According to the FDA’s tentative approval letter, the only thing
 9 preventing Teva from receiving final approval at that time was the existence of the 30-month stay
 10 triggered by Corcept’s lawsuit over the ‘348 and ‘495 patents, and the pendency of litigation with
 11 respect to those two patents.⁴⁹ Teva’s ANDA received final approval when the 30-month stay
 12 expired, in August 2020.

13 79. Notably, the FDA’s tentative approval letter did not mention Korlym’s orphan drug
 14 status as a barrier to Teva receiving final approval and launching generic Korlym. On the contrary,
 15 the FDA stated expressly that the ***only*** barriers to Teva receiving final approval were the existence of
 16 the 30-month stay and the pending litigation over the ‘348 and ‘495 patents. FDA regulations
 17 provide that “[i]f a sponsor’s marketing application for a drug product is determined not to be
 18 approvable because approval is barred under [the Orphan Drug Act] until the expiration of the period
 19 of exclusive marketing of another drug, *FDA will so notify the sponsor in writing.*”⁵⁰ Hence, the
 20 FDA’s statements in Teva’s tentative approval letter—which omit any mention of Korlym’s orphan
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 23 ⁴⁷ *Corcept Therapeutics, Inc. v. Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. et al.*, No. 1:18-cv-03632-
 24 RMB-LDW (D.N.J.).

25 ⁴⁸ https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/appletter/2018/211436Orig1s000TAltr.pdf.

26 ⁴⁹ *Id.* at 2. Although Corcept had obtained and listed additional patents in the Orange Book for
 27 Korlym after Teva filed its ANDA, the FDA explained that “[l]itigation, if any, with respect to these
 28 patents would not create a statutory stay of approval.” *Id.* at 4 n.1.

50 21 C.F.R. § 316.31(c) (emphasis added).

1 drug status as a barrier to approval—clearly indicate that Korlym’s orphan drug status in fact was
 2 ***not*** a barrier to Teva receiving approval in October 2018.⁵¹

3 80. These facts demonstrate that if Corcept had not fraudulently listed the ‘348 and ‘495
 4 patents in the Orange Book, the Hatch-Waxman Act’s 30-month stay would not have been triggered,
 5 and Teva would have received final FDA approval (instead of tentative approval) in October 2018.
 6 And Teva would have launched as early as that date, or shortly thereafter.

7 81. In the alternative, if the FDA had believed Korlym’s orphan drug status was an
 8 obstacle to Teva receiving final approval (contrary to the FDA’s statements in Teva’s tentative
 9 approval letter), Teva would have received final approval as soon as Korlym’s orphan drug status
 10 expired on February 17, 2019, and Teva would have launched as early as that date, or shortly
 11 thereafter. In that scenario, Teva still would have received final FDA approval almost 18 months
 12 earlier than it did in the real world, as a result of the 30-month stay triggered by Corcept’s fraudulent
 13 listing of the ‘348 and ‘495 patents in the Orange Book.

14 82. In either scenario, Corcept successfully (and substantially) delayed Teva’s FDA
 15 approval and launch as a result of its decision to fraudulently list patents it knew and publicly
 16 admitted did not cover Korlym (the ‘348 and ‘495 patents) in the Orange Book.

17 1. **Corcept Listed the ‘348 and ‘495 Patents in the Orange Book Even Though It**
 18 **Knew Those Patents Did Not Cover Korlym, and Thus Were Ineligible to Be**
Listed.

19 83. Corcept did not obtain the ‘348 and ‘495 patents until years after it received FDA
 20 approval for Korlym. In fact, Corcept only obtained the ‘348 patent on December 30, 2014, and the
 21 ‘495 patent on November 28, 2017—nearly three and five-and-a-half years, respectively, after

22 ⁵¹ The FDA has “narrowly interpreted the [Orphan Drug Act’s] exclusivity provision.” Cong.
 23 Rsch. Serv., *The Orphan Drug Act: Legal Overview and Policy Considerations* at 1 (Mar. 5, 2024),
<https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/IF/IF12605/2>. Fact and expert discovery may be
 24 necessary to understand why the FDA did not regard Korlym’s orphan drug status as a barrier to
 25 granting final approval to Teva’s ANDA in October 2018. But a brand company is not guaranteed to
 26 maintain its orphan drug exclusivity for the full seven-year term. For example, every brand
 27 company receives a “written notice” from the FDA to “inform the sponsor of the requirements for
 maintaining orphan-drug exclusive approval for the full 7-year term of exclusive approval.” 21
 C.F.R. § 316.34(a). On information and belief, at some point prior to October 2018, the FDA
 determined that Corcept failed to meet the requirements for maintaining Korlym’s orphan drug
 exclusivity for its full seven-year term.

1 receiving FDA approval in February 2012. Corcept listed the ‘348 patent in the Orange Book on
 2 January 27, 2015, and it listed the ‘495 patent in the Orange Book on November 28, 2017. Corcept
 3 listed those patents in the Orange Book at the direction of Joseph Belanoff, M.D., Corcept’s co-
 4 founder, President, and CEO, who is listed as the inventor of the ‘348 patent.

5 84. Corcept obtained the ‘348 and ‘495 patents and listed them in the Orange Book
 6 despite knowing that they had “no express connection” to Korlym and thus were not eligible for
 7 Orange Book listing, as explained in more detail below, and as Corcept would subsequently
 8 acknowledge on a public earnings call. Corcept listed them in the Orange Book anyway because
 9 Corcept feared losing its Korlym monopoly and wanted to forestall generic competition for as long
 10 as possible, by any means possible.

11 85. The ‘348 patent is entitled “Optimizing Mifepristone Levels in Plasma Serum of
 12 Patients Suffering from Mental Disorders Treatable with Glucocorticoid Receptor Antagonists.”⁵²

13 86. The ‘348 patent has one independent claim, which claims “[a] method for optimizing
 14 levels of mifepristone in a patient suffering from a disorder amenable to treatment by mifepristone,
 15 the method comprising: treating the patient with seven or more daily doses of mifepristone over a
 16 period of seven or more days; testing the serum levels of the patient to determine whether the blood
 17 levels of mifepristone are greater than 1300 ng/mL; and adjusting the daily dose of the patient to
 18 achieve mifepristone blood levels greater than 1300 ng/mL.”⁵³

19 87. The ‘495 patent is entitled “Method for Differentially Diagnosing ACTH-Dependent
 20 Cushing’s Syndrome.”⁵⁴ The ‘495 patent has two independent claims.

21 88. The first independent claim of the ‘495 patent claims “[a] method of concurrently
 22 treating Cushing’s syndrome and differentially diagnosing adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH)-
 23 dependent Cushing’s syndrome in a patient where the differential diagnosis is between ectopic

25 ⁵² ‘348 patent at 1.

26 ⁵³ ‘348 patent col. 16 l. 25-35. The ‘348 patent also has six dependent claims (claims 2-7),
 which depend directly or indirectly from claim 1. *See id.* col. 6 l. 36-53.

27 ⁵⁴ ‘495 patent at 1.

1 ACTH syndrome and Cushing's disease, the method comprising the steps of: (i) selecting a patient
 2 with Cushing's syndrome and also elevated ACTH levels; (ii) administering a dose of glucocorticoid
 3 receptor antagonist (GRA) sufficient to increase ACTH from the pituitary gland by at least two fold
 4 in persons with normal Hypothalamus Pituitary Adrenal (HPA) function; (iii) waiting for at least two
 5 hours; and, (iv) obtaining from the patient an ACTH concentration ratio wherein the ratio is derived
 6 from the ACTH concentrations in fluid obtained from either the left or right inferior petrosal venous
 7 sinus and from fluid obtained from a periphery venous sample; wherein an ACTH concentration
 8 ratio of greater than 3 for the ACTH concentration from the inferior venous sinus sample over the
 9 periphery venous sinus sample is diagnostic of Cushing's disease.”⁵⁵

10 89. The second independent claim of the ‘495 patent claims “[a] method of concurrently
 11 treating Cushing's syndrome and obtaining a measurement indicative of differential diagnosis of
 12 adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH)-dependent Cushing's syndrome in a patient where the
 13 differential diagnosis is between ectopic ACTH syndrome and Cushing's disease, the method
 14 comprising the steps of: determining the ACTH concentration ratio from a patient with Cushing's
 15 syndrome and an elevated ACTH level, where the patient has been administered a dose of
 16 glucocorticoid receptor antagonist (GRA) at least two hours prior to the removal of venous samples
 17 and where the amount of GRA administered to the patient is sufficient to increase ACTH from the
 18 pituitary gland by at least two fold in persons with normal Hypothalamus Pituitary Adrenal (HPA)
 19 function; wherein the ACTH concentration ratio is derived from the ACTH concentrations in fluid
 20 obtained from either the left or right inferior petrosal venous sinus and from fluid obtained from a
 21 periphery venous sample; and wherein an ACTH concentration ratio of greater than 3 for the ACTH
 22 concentration from the inferior venous sinus sample over the periphery venous sinus sample is
 23 indicative of Cushing's disease.”⁵⁶

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 25 ⁵⁵ ‘495 patent col. 33 l. 2-23.

26 ⁵⁶ ‘495 patent col. 36 l. 66 – col. 37 l. 21. The ‘495 patent also has 16 dependent claims (claims
 27 2-17) that depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 and further limit the periphery venous sample
 28 or the glucocorticoid receptor antagonist. *See id.* col. 33 l. 24 – col. 36 l. 65.

1 90. Corcept knew that it was plainly improper and fraudulent for Corcept to list the ‘348
 2 and ‘495 patents in the Orange Book for Korlym, because these patents do not actually read on the
 3 Korlym NDA or its FDA-approved labeling and, thus, do not cover Korlym in the first place.

4 91. As discussed above, the Hatch-Waxman Act and FDA regulations provide that a
 5 patent may *only* be listed in the Orange Book if it “claims the drug for which the applicant submitted
 6 the application and is a drug substance (active ingredient) patent or a drug product (formulation or
 7 composition) patent; or claims a method of using such drug for which approval is sought or has been
 8 granted in the application.”⁵⁷

9 92. The ‘348 and ‘495 patents are method-of-use patents. Neither patent even purports to
 10 claim Korlym’s drug substance (active ingredient) or drug product (formulation or composition).

11 93. FDA regulations provide that “[f]or patents that claim a method of use, the applicant
 12 must submit information only on those patents that claim indications or other conditions of use for
 13 which approval is sought or has been granted in the NDA,” and “[f]or approved NDAs, the NDA
 14 holder submitting information on the method-of-use patent must identify with specificity the
 15 section(s) and subsection(s) of the approved labeling that describes the method(s) of use claimed by
 16 the patent submitted.”⁵⁸ “[T]his regulation narrows [the method-of-use] category of listable patents
 17 to those that (1) claim methods of use, wherein (2) those methods of use are directly relevant to the
 18 NDA in question.”⁵⁹

19 94. Once again, and as noted above, the ‘348 and ‘495 patents do not read on the Korlym
 20 NDA or its FDA-approved labeling. In turn, these patents plainly do not meet the criteria for listing
 21 method-of-use patents in the Orange Book, because neither claims the “method of using” Korlym for
 22 which approval was “sought” or “granted” in Corcept’s Korlym NDA.⁶⁰

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 24 ⁵⁷ 21 U.S.C. § 355(b)(1)(A)(viii).
 25 ⁵⁸ 21 C.F.R. § 314.53(b)(1).
 26 ⁵⁹ *Jazz Pharms.*, 60 F.4th at 1380.
 27 ⁶⁰ 21 U.S.C. § 355(b)(1)(A)(viii).
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1 95. For example, as recited in the FDA’s NDA Summary Review packet for Korlym,
 2 “Corcept Therapeutics has submitted this new drug application (NDA) ... for the use of Korlym
 3 (mifepristone) in the treatment of patients with endogenous Cushing’s syndrome who have failed
 4 surgery or are not candidates for surgery.... [T]his application is **only** for the treatment of
 5 endogenous Cushing’s syndrome.”⁶¹ Likewise, Korlym’s FDA-approved label provides (and has
 6 always provided) that Korlym is indicated **only** “to control hyperglycemia secondary to
 7 hypercortisolism in adult patients with endogenous Cushing’s syndrome who have type 2 diabetes
 8 mellitus or glucose intolerance and have failed surgery or are not candidates for surgery.”⁶²

9 96. As such, Corcept’s NDA neither sought nor obtained FDA approval for a method of
 10 using Korlym for optimizing levels of mifepristone in patients suffering from a disorder amenable to
 11 treatment by mifepristone (as claimed in the ‘348 patent), or for the differential diagnosis of ACTH-
 12 dependent Cushing’s syndrome (as claimed in the ‘495 patent).

13 97. Furthermore, as explained above, FDA regulations require that for method-of-use
 14 patents to be listed in the Orange Book, the NDA holder must “identify with specificity the
 15 section(s) and subsection(s) of the approved labeling that describes the method(s) of use claimed by
 16 the patent.”⁶³ But the Korlym label makes no mention of the methods of optimizing mifepristone
 17 levels that are claimed by the ‘348 patent, or the differential diagnostic methods that are claimed by
 18 the ‘495 patent.

19 98. The ‘348 and ‘495 patents do not read on the Korlym NDA or its FDA-approved
 20 labeling and, as a result, it was improper and fraudulent for Corcept to list the ‘348 and ‘495 patents
 21 in the Orange Book for Korlym. Corcept knew as much, because Corcept recognized the plain and

23 ⁶¹ https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/nda/2012/202107Orig1s000SumR.pdf at 1
 (emphasis added).

24 ⁶² https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2019/202107s008lbl.pdf at 1, 3
 25 (current label); https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2017/202107s007lbl.pdf at 1, 3 (May 2017 amended label); https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2016/2021-07s006lbl.pdf at 1, 3 (October 2016 amended label); https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2012/202107s000lbl.pdf at 1, 3 (original label).

27 ⁶³ 21 C.F.R. § 314.53(b)(1); *see also Jazz*, 60 F.4th at 1380.
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1 obvious disconnect between the ‘348 and ‘495 patents on the one hand, and the Korlym NDA and
 2 FDA-approved labeling on the other.

3 99. Simply put, Corcept subjectively knew that the ‘348 and ‘495 patents were ineligible
 4 for listing in the Orange Book because they do not actually cover Korlym. The only reason Corcept
 5 listed them anyway was to create grounds to trigger the Hatch-Waxman Act’s 30-month stay of
 6 approval for Teva’s generic product.

7 100. In fact, on a quarterly earnings call in February 2019, Charles Robb—Corcept’s
 8 CFO—admitted that the ‘348 and ‘495 patents do not have “a direct read on the Korlym label” or
 9 any “express connection” to the Korlym label.⁶⁴ Specifically, Robb admitted that “the one quality
 10 the ‘214 patent [which Corcept later acquired in February 2019] has, that the other patents [including
 11 the ‘348 and ‘495 patents] do not, is a direct read on the Korlym label. And that is considered by
 12 many people be an especially powerful thing and that’s really the difference. It’s the first of our
 13 patents that has that express connection.”⁶⁵ Robb’s candid remarks were a clear admission that
 14 Corcept knew the ‘348 and ‘495 patents never should have been listed in the Orange Book, because
 15 (to quote Robb himself) they do not “read on the Korlym label,” and FDA regulations have long
 16 provided that a brand company is *only* permitted to list a method-of-use patent in the Orange Book if
 17 it can “identify with specificity the section(s) and subsection(s) of the *approved labeling* that
 18 describes the method(s) of use claimed by the patent.”⁶⁶

19 101. As explained previously, the FDA serves only a ministerial role in maintaining the
 20 Orange Book. It accepts and publishes whatever patents a brand company submits. Corcept
 21 knowingly exploited that lack of oversight by listing patents in the Orange Book that it knew did not
 22 satisfy the requirements of federal law, for the sole purpose of triggering the Hatch-Waxman Act’s
 23 30-month stay of approval for Teva’s ANDA and thereby delaying generic competition.

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⁶⁴ [https://www.fool.com/earnings/call-transcripts/2019/02/26/corcept-therapeutics-
 incorporated-cort-q4-2018-ear.aspx](https://www.fool.com/earnings/call-transcripts/2019/02/26/corcept-therapeutics-incorporated-cort-q4-2018-ear.aspx).

26 ⁶⁵ *Id.*

27 ⁶⁶ 21 C.F.R. § 314.53(b)(1) (emphasis added); *see also Jazz*, 60 F.4th at 1380.

1 **2. Corcept Brought Sham Patent Litigation to Delay Competition from Teva's**
 2 **Generic Korlym.**

3 102. For the reasons explained above, Corcept knew—as every reasonable drug
 4 manufacturer would have known—that the '348 and '495 patents were improperly listed in the
 5 Orange Book. That circumstance alone means that the ensuing patent infringement litigation was a
 6 sham that was objectively baseless and brought in subjective bad faith for the purpose of delaying
 7 generic competition.

8 103. In addition, Corcept knew—as every reasonable drug manufacturer would have
 9 known—that the '348 and '495 patents were not infringed by Teva's proposed generic. As
 10 explained, neither of those patents claim the proposed drug product or FDA-approved indication for
 11 Korlym, and none of the methods claimed in those patents can be found *anywhere* in the Korlym
 12 label or Teva's proposed mifepristone product label. Accordingly, and just as these patents should
 13 never have been listed in the Orange Book because they do not actually cover Korlym, so too were
 14 Corcept's infringement claims objectively baseless, for precisely that same reason.

15 104. Moreover, Corcept brought its infringement case against Teva in subjective bad faith,
 16 for the purpose of delaying generic competition.

17 105. As noted above, Corcept's CFO, Charles Robb, admitted that the '348 and '495
 18 patents do not have “a direct read on the Korlym label” or any “express connection” to the Korlym
 19 label. Robb was thus admitting that Corcept knew (as every reasonable manufacturer would have
 20 known) that neither patent covered Teva's proposed generic, making Corcept's infringement claims
 21 objectively baseless and proving that Corcept brought them in subjective bad faith.

22 106. Furthermore, Teva made substantial disclosures to Corcept before Corcept filed suit,
 23 which leave no room for doubt that Corcept's infringement claims were objectively baseless and
 24 brought in subjective bad faith.

25 107. On January 31, 2018, Teva provided Corcept with notice of Teva's Paragraph IV
 26 certification as required under the Hatch-Waxman Act, including “a detailed statement of the factual
 27 and legal basis of the opinion of the applicant that the patent is invalid or will not be infringed.”⁶⁷ In

28 ⁶⁷ 21 U.S.C. § 355 (j)(2)(B)(iv)(II).

1 the detailed statement, attached as Exhibit A (the “Detailed Statement”), Teva demonstrated that its
 2 generic mifepristone ANDA did not infringe either of Corcept’s ‘348 or ‘495 patents.⁶⁸

3 108. First, Teva demonstrated in its Detailed Statement that its ANDA did not infringe any
 4 claim of the ‘348 patent. As explained above, the ‘348 patent’s only independent claim requires,
 5 among other things, “testing the serum levels of the patient to determine whether the blood levels of
 6 mifepristone are greater than 1300 ng/mL.”⁶⁹ Teva’s Detailed Statement demonstrated Teva,
 7 through its ANDA, would **not** test the serum levels of mifepristone in patients, and thus showed that
 8 it would not directly infringe independent claim 1 of the ‘348 patent.⁷⁰ Teva further demonstrated
 9 that its ANDA product would not infringe the ‘348 patent under the doctrine of equivalents.⁷¹
 10 Finally, because Teva’s label did not even mention, let alone encourage, testing the serum levels of
 11 patients (because Teva’s proposed label was identical to Korlym’s FDA-approved label, and was
 12 thus silent as to any such testing), Teva’s ANDA would not induce infringement of the ‘348 patent.⁷²
 13 And because claims 2-7 of the ‘348 patent all depend directly or indirectly from claim 1, Teva
 14 demonstrated that its ANDA would not infringe any claim of the ‘348 patent.⁷³

15 109. Based on the Detailed Statement, there was no objective basis for Corcept to file suit
 16 asserting infringement of the ‘348 patent.

17 110. Teva’s Detailed Statement also demonstrated that its ANDA did not infringe any
 18 claim of the ‘495 patent.⁷⁴ Teva demonstrated that its mifepristone ANDA did not directly infringe
 19 independent claim 1 of the ‘495 patent, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, because
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21 ⁶⁸ The Detailed Statement appears as an enclosure beginning on page 10 of the PDF attached as
 22 Exhibit A.

23 ⁶⁹ ‘348 patent col. 16 l. 31-33.

24 ⁷⁰ Ex. A, Detailed Statement at 10.

25 ⁷¹ *Id.* at 10-11.

26 ⁷² *Id.* at 11-12.

27 ⁷³ *Id.* at 13.

28 ⁷⁴ *Id.* at 15-16.

1 Teva would not meet multiple limitations, including “selecting a patient,” much less a patient with
 2 Cushing’s syndrome or elevated ACTH, as required by claim 1 of the ‘495 patent.⁷⁵ Teva would
 3 also not perform the patented steps because Teva would not be diagnosing patients.⁷⁶ Similarly,
 4 Teva demonstrated that its mifepristone ANDA did not directly infringe independent claim 18 of the
 5 ‘495 patent, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, because Teva would not meet
 6 multiple limitations, including performing the step of “determining the ACTH concentration ratio,”
 7 as required by claim 18 of the ‘495 patent.⁷⁷ And because claims 2-17 all depend directly or
 8 indirectly from claim 1, Teva demonstrated its ANDA would not directly infringe any claim of the
 9 ‘495 patent.⁷⁸ In addition, Teva demonstrated that its ANDA would not induce infringement of the
 10 ‘495 patent, because Teva’s proposed label was identical to Korlym’s FDA-approved label, and thus
 11 did not mention—let alone encourage—taking the steps required by any claim of the ‘495 patent.⁷⁹

12 111. Based on the Detailed Statement, there was no objective basis for Corcept to file suit
 13 asserting infringement of the ‘495 patent.

14 112. After receiving Teva’s Detailed Statement, Corcept had no good faith basis to file a
 15 lawsuit. No reasonable litigant would have filed a lawsuit against Teva for infringing the ‘348 and
 16 ‘495 patents after receiving Teva’s Detailed Statement.

17 113. Because Teva’s label made plain that Teva’s ANDA would not infringe or encourage
 18 infringement of the ‘348 and ‘495 patents, Teva filed a motion to dismiss Corcept’s infringement
 19 suit for failure to state a claim in June 2018.⁸⁰ The court denied Teva’s motion in October 2018,
 20 holding that Corcept had satisfied the applicable pleading standards “by alleging that it is the holder

22 ⁷⁵ *Id.*

23 ⁷⁶ *Id.*

24 ⁷⁷ *Id.*

25 ⁷⁸ *Id.* at 18.

26 ⁷⁹ *Id.* at 17-18.

27 ⁸⁰ *Corcept Therapeutics, Inc. v. Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. et al.*, No. 1:18-cv-03632-
 RMB-LDW (D.N.J.), Dkt. 12.

1 of the patents-in-suit and that Teva has infringed or will infringe on at least one claim in each of the
 2 patents-in-suit.”⁸¹ The court refused to review Teva’s proposed label as part of its analysis,
 3 explaining in a footnote that it would not be appropriate to consider Teva’s proposed label in
 4 deciding the motion to dismiss and that the question of how physicians would interpret Teva’s label
 5 was a “factual dispute” that could not be resolved on a motion to dismiss.⁸² Although the court
 6 declined to consider Teva’s proposed label on a motion to dismiss, Corcept knew of Teva’s proposed
 7 label, and knew that it was identical to Korlym’s FDA-approved label. And Corcept knew very well
 8 that the ‘348 and ‘495 patents did not read on the Korlym label—as Corcept would later admit—and
 9 thus also knew that the ‘348 and ‘495 patents did not read on Teva’s generic product label, either.
 10 As such, the court’s denial of Teva’s motion to dismiss said nothing about whether Corcept’s
 11 infringement claims were objectively baseless and pursued in subjective bad faith.

12 114. The objective baselessness and subjective bad faith of Corcept’s infringement claims
 13 are confirmed by the fact that Corcept did not even serve expert opinions on infringement of the
 14 ‘348 and ‘495 patents when expert reports were due in November 2020—and a few months later,
 15 Corcept decided to drop its infringement claims on both the ‘348 and ‘495 patents altogether. In
 16 January 2021, Corcept informed Teva that it was voluntarily dismissing its infringement claims
 17 under both the ‘348 and ‘495 patents (as well as infringement claims under other, later-asserted
 18 patents).⁸³

19 115. Between the date Corcept sued Teva under the ‘348 and ‘495 patents, and the date
 20 Corcept voluntarily dismissed its infringement claims, Corcept had not learned any material new
 21 information bearing on the strength of its claims. Corcept’s voluntary dismissal was an
 22 acknowledgement that its infringement claims were always objectively baseless and were brought in
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24 ⁸¹ *Corcept Therapeutics, Inc. v. Teva Pharms. USA, Inc.*, 2018 WL 5263278, at *3 (D.N.J.
 25 Oct. 23, 2018).

26 ⁸² *Id.* at *3 n.3

27 ⁸³ *Corcept Therapeutics, Inc. v. Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. et al.*, No. 1:18-cv-03632-
 28 RMB-LDW (D.N.J.), Dkt. 266.

1 subjective bad faith for the purpose of delaying FDA approval of Teva's generic and thwarting
 2 competition.

3 **3. Corcept Engages in Additional Bad-Faith Litigation Tactics to Further Delay**
 4 **Competition from Teva's Generic Korlym.**

5 116. After knowingly misusing the Orange Book and initiating sham infringement
 6 litigation to trigger a 30-month stay of FDA approval of Teva's generic, Corcept then engaged in a
 7 series of bad-faith litigation tactics that were designed to further prolong the litigation and delay
 8 Teva's launch.

9 117. For example, in February 2019, Corcept received a new patent that purportedly
 10 covered Korlym: U.S. patent number 10,195,214 (the '214 patent). This patent claimed a method of
 11 treating Cushing's syndrome in patients taking a daily 1200 mg or 900 mg dose of mifepristone, by
 12 reducing the daily dose to 600 mg and concomitantly administering a strong CYP3A inhibitor.⁸⁴
 13 Corcept immediately sued Teva for infringing the '214 patent. It was objectively baseless and a
 14 sham for Corcept to sue Teva for infringing the '214 patent, because there was no basis to suggest
 15 that Teva's proposed label would encourage infringement of the '214 patent. The sham nature of
 16 Corcept's '214 infringement claim is confirmed by the fact that when Teva and Corcept finally went
 17 to trial in September 2023, Corcept was unable to identify a single instance of anyone ever
 18 practicing the method claimed in the '214 patent. Corcept's only reason for suing Teva under the
 19 '214 patent was to further tie up Teva in baseless, distracting infringement litigation.

20 118. In addition, in March 2023, Corcept sued Teva for infringing two more patents: U.S.
 21 patent number 10,842,800 (the '800 patent), and U.S. patent number 10,842,801 (the '801 patent).
 22 Corcept had acquired these patents in November 2020. Corcept thus waited nearly two-and-a-half
 23 years after acquiring the '800 and '801 patents to actually sue Teva for allegedly infringing those
 24 patents. That delay can only be explained as a bad-faith tactic to push off the trial date, especially
 25 considering that Corcept had asserted both the '800 and '801 patents two years earlier—in March

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⁸⁴ '214 patent col. 68 l. 2-16.
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1 2021—against another generic pharmaceutical company, Hikma Pharmaceuticals, which had also
 2 filed an ANDA for approval of a generic version of Korlym.⁸⁵

3 119. Corcept's piecemeal litigation strategy against Teva had no legitimate purpose and
 4 was pursued in bad faith as a means of stifling competition and illicitly prolonging Corcept's
 5 monopoly by delaying resolution of the patent case and Teva's eventual launch.

6 120. In fact, in April 2023, Judge Bumb—who presided over Corcept's litigation against
 7 Teva—harshly criticized Corcept for its “decision to belatedly file” suit on the ‘800 and ‘801
 8 patents, which Judge Bumb characterized as “a tactical decision to delay proceedings” that was of
 9 Corcept's “own making and at its own peril.”⁸⁶ Judge Bumb expressed serious frustration at
 10 Corcept's manipulation of the court's docket, writing that “[t]his Court cannot function properly if
 11 all parties before it were permitted to litigate their claims in piecemeal fashion, as has happened
 12 here.”⁸⁷

13 121. In all, Corcept asserted nine different patents against Teva in *four* separate lawsuits
 14 Corcept filed between 2018 and 2023, strategically timing each lawsuit to maximize delay. Of the
 15 nine patents Corcept asserted, Corcept voluntarily dismissed seven of them, including (as noted
 16 above) the ‘348 and ‘495 patents that were the basis for the 30-month stay. The seven patents that
 17 Corcept asserted but then voluntarily dismissed are the ‘348 and ‘495 patents, which Corcept
 18 asserted in March 2018 and informed Teva it was voluntarily dropping in January 2021⁸⁸; U.S.
 19 Patent No. 9,943,526 (the ‘526 patent), which Corcept asserted in July 2018 and informed Teva it
 20 was voluntarily dropping in July 2019⁸⁹; U.S. Patent No. 10,166,242 (the ‘242 patent) and U.S.

21 ⁸⁵ *Corcept Therapeutics, Inc. v. Hikma Pharm. USA Inc.*, No. 2:21-cv-05034-EP-LDW
 22 (D.N.J.).

23 ⁸⁶ *Corcept Therapeutics, Inc. v. Teva Pharm. USA, Inc. et al.*, No. 1:18-cv-03632-RMB-LDW
 24 (D.N.J.), Dkt. 239.

25 ⁸⁷ *Id.* Judge Bumb further noted that “[t]he Court rejects Corcept's attempt to pass the blame
 26 onto Teva because it failed to file a declaratory judgment action.” *Id.*

27 ⁸⁸ *Id.* Dkt. 1 (asserting infringement of ‘348 and ‘495 patents); *id.* Dkt. 266 (voluntarily
 28 dismissing claims under ‘348 and ‘495 patents).

29 ⁸⁹ *Id.* Dkt. 15 (asserting infringement of ‘536 patent); *id.* Dkt. 129 (voluntarily dismissing claim
 30 under ‘526 patent).

1 Patent No. 10,166,243 (the ‘243 patent), which Corcept asserted in February 2019 and informed
2 Teva it was voluntarily dropping in July 2019⁹⁰; U.S. Patent No. 10,500,216 (the ‘216 patent), which
3 Corcept asserted in December 2019 and informed Teva it was voluntarily dropping in August
4 2023⁹¹; and the ‘801 patent, which Corcept asserted in March 2023 and informed Teva it was
5 voluntarily dropping in August 2023.⁹² This strategy was part of an overall scheme, pursued in bad
6 faith, to tie up Teva in litigation for as long as possible, to prolong Corcept’s monopoly and delay
7 generic competition for as long as possible. There was no objective or subjective basis for Corcept
8 to allege infringement of **any** of the patents it asserted against Teva, because **none** of those patents
9 claim the proposed drug product or FDA-approved indication for Korlym, and **none** of the methods
10 claimed in **any** of those patents can be found **anywhere** in the Korlym label or Teva’s proposed
11 mifepristone product label.

12 122. Corcept and Teva ultimately proceeded to a bench trial in front of Judge Bumb in late
13 September 2023, in which Corcept asserted infringement claims under just two patents: the ‘214
14 patent, and the ‘800 patent. On December 29, 2023, Judge Bumb ruled in Teva’s favor, holding that
15 Teva’s generic did not infringe either of the last two asserted Corcept patents.⁹³ Between the seven
16 patents Corcept voluntarily dismissed, and the two patents Corcept brought to trial and lost, Corcept
17 was not successful on *any* infringement claim it asserted against Teva. Corcept brought these
18 lawsuits without regard to their merits, but rather for the purpose of injuring and harassing Teva.

⁹⁰ *Corcept Therapeutics, Inc. v. Teva Pharms. USA, Inc. et al.*, No. 2:19-cv-05066-SDW-CLW (D.N.J.), Dkt. 1 (asserting infringement of ‘242 and ‘243 patents); *Corcept Therapeutics, Inc. v. Teva Pharms. USA, Inc. et al.*, No. 1:18-cv-03632-RMB-LDW (D.N.J.), Dkt. 129 (voluntarily dismissing claims under ‘242 and ‘243 patents).

⁹¹ *Corcept Therapeutics, Inc. v. Teva Pharms. USA, Inc. et al.*, No. 2:19-cv-21384-SDW-LDW (D.N.J.), Dkt. 1 (asserting infringement of '216 patent); *Corcept Therapeutics, Inc. v. Teva Pharms. USA, Inc. et al.*, No. 1:18-cv-03632-RMB-LDW (D.N.J.), Dkt. 266 (voluntarily dismissing claim under '216 patent).

⁹² *Corcept Therapeutics, Inc. v. Teva Pharm. USA, Inc. et al.*, No. 1:23-cv-01505-RMB-LDW (D.N.J.), Dkt. 1 (asserting infringement of ‘801 patent); *Corcept Therapeutics, Inc. v. Teva Pharm. USA, Inc. et al.*, No. 1:18-cv-03632-RMB-LDW (D.N.J.), Dkt. 266 (voluntarily dismissing claim under ‘801 patent).

⁹³ *Corcept Therapeutics, Inc. v. Teva Pharmas. USA, Inc. et al.*, No. 1:18-cv-03632-RMB-LDW (D.N.J.), Dkt. 301.

1 123. As Corcept intended, Corcept's bad-faith litigation tactics succeeded in delaying
 2 resolution of its infringement claims until the very end of 2023, close to six years after Corcept had
 3 originally filed suit in early 2018. That length of time is far outside the norm in Hatch-Waxman
 4 patent infringement litigation. In the District of New Jersey (where the Corcept-Teva litigation took
 5 place), in 2016 and 2017, the median time to trial in Hatch-Waxman litigation was 795 days, or just
 6 over two years.⁹⁴ The highly unusual delay, combined with all of the circumstances detailed above,
 7 underscores that Corcept brought its series of objectively baseless infringement cases against Teva in
 8 subjective bad faith, for the purpose of delaying generic competition.

9 **D. Teva Launches Generic Korlym, But Corcept Stifles Competition by Blocking
 10 Access to the Critical Optime Distribution Channel and Paying Bribes and
 Kickbacks to Physicians.**

11 124. Following its trial victory over Corcept, Teva launched generic Korlym on January
 12 19, 2024, just three weeks after Judge Bumb's decision.

13 125. As explained above, when pharmaceutical markets operate competitively as Congress
 14 intended, the first generic on the market almost always rapidly takes market share and revenue from
 15 the brand company, often capturing 60-75% or more of the market within the first six months, and
 16 usually more than 80% within the first year.⁹⁵

17 126. That has not happened in the market for Korlym—even though Corcept continues to
 18 charge supracompetitive prices notwithstanding competition from Teva's lower-priced generic, and
 19 did not even launch an authorized generic until the end of May 2024.

20 127. According to drug industry pricing compendia, which contain publicly available
 21 information about drug prices, Teva's generic launched at a 13% price discount compared to brand
 22 Korlym, and Teva offers copay assistance to commercially insured patients, potentially reducing out-
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24 ⁹⁴ Steve Brachmann, *Hatch-Waxman Litigation: 60 Percent Increase in ANDA Lawsuits from*

25 2016 to 2017 (May 16, 2018), [https://ipwatchdog.com/2018/05/16/hatch-waxman-litigation-60-](https://ipwatchdog.com/2018/05/16/hatch-waxman-litigation-60-percent-increase-anda-lawsuits/id=96985/)
[percent-increase-anda-lawsuits/id=96985/](#).

26 ⁹⁵ See, e.g., Henry Grabowski et al., *Continuing Trends in U.S. Brand-Name and Generic Drug*
 27 *Competition,* 24 J. Medical Econ. 908 (2021),
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13696998.2021.1952795>.

1 of-pocket costs to \$0 for those consumers.⁹⁶ Teva's pricing is close to the average discount for a
 2 first generic compared to the brand price.⁹⁷ A 13% discount alone would translate into savings of
 3 approximately \$30,000 per patient, per year, at the lowest recommended dose (300 mg per day), and
 4 savings of approximately \$120,000 per patient, per year, at the highest allowed dose (1200 mg per
 5 day).

6 128. To this day, the price of Teva's generic Korlym is materially below the price of
 7 Corcept's brand Korlym.

8 129. Despite being the first and only generic on the market for nearly twenty four months,
 9 and being priced at a material discount to brand Korlym, Teva has not captured the expected 60-75%
 10 of the market that one nearly always sees. Instead, ***Teva's market share has been close to zero,***
 11 currently standing at less than 4% of the Korlym market.

12 130. In fact, on Corcept's quarterly earnings call on May 1, 2024, Sean Maduck—
 13 Corcept's President of Endocrinology—boasted that “we are not aware of losing any patients to
 14 generic mifepristone. And based on our analysis at this point, we believe generic Korlym has been
 15 available to some degree for a couple of months, but it hasn't had any impact on our business.”⁹⁸
 16 Furthermore, on the same earnings call, Corcept announced that it was revising its projected earnings
 17 ***upward***, and was now projecting annual revenue of \$620 – \$650 million for 2024, despite the fact
 18 that all of Corcept's revenue comes from sales of Korlym.⁹⁹ Maduck declared that Corcept was
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21 ⁹⁶ The Capitol Forum, *Health Care Antitrust Weekly* at 5 (Jan. 24, 2024),
 22 <https://csro.info/UserFiles/file/Articles/HealthCareAntitrustWeekly2024-01-24HealthCareAntitrustWeeklyKlobuch-arPressesDrugmakers.pdf>.

23 ⁹⁷ As noted above, some studies show that first generics launch at an 18% price discount
 24 compared to the brand, on average. Ass'n for Accessible Medicines, *Access Denied: Why New
 25 Generics Are Not Reaching America's Seniors* at 7 (Sept. 2019),
https://accessiblemeds.org/sites/default/files/2019-09/AAM-White-Paper-Access-Denied-First-Generics-web_0.pdf.

26 ⁹⁸ <https://seekingalpha.com/article/4688346-corcept-therapeutics-incorporated-cort-q1-2024-earnings-call-transcript>.

27 ⁹⁹ *Id.*

“confident in our ability to both continue to grow our business today, but also defend our market share,” notwithstanding the entry of Teva’s lower-cost generic.¹⁰⁰

131. Similarly, on Corcept’s quarterly earnings call on July 29, 2024, Maduck reported that “[t]he Teva product has been available in the channel for many months, so it’s out there, but it has had very little impact on our business.”¹⁰¹ Corcept announced that it was revising its projected earnings upward *again*, and was now projecting annual revenue of \$640 – \$670 million for 2024, again despite the fact that all of Corcept’s revenue comes from sales of Korlym.¹⁰² And on its most recent earnings call on November 4, 2025, Corcept announced that it was projecting annual revenue of \$800 – \$850 million for 2025, and confirmed that it has “not seen” and does not “expect” to see “any downward pressure on margins” from generic competition “that might require modeling adjustments going forward.”¹⁰³

132. On information and belief, Corcept has not meaningfully adjusted its price to compete with Teva's generic product. To the contrary, Corcept reported revenues for 2023 of \$482 million.¹⁰⁴ Corcept's substantially higher projections for 2024 and 2025 therefore show that Corcept's strategy of locking up distribution through its long-term exclusive dealing contract with Optime is allowing Corcept to maintain nearly 100% market share ***and*** maintain or increase prices ***despite*** the entry of a lower-priced AB-rated generic substitute.

133. These results would be impossible to explain in a competitive market. They represent a dramatic departure from the pattern of rapid generic penetration, loss of brand company revenue, and overall price declines that reliably occur in competitive pharmaceutical markets after generic entry.

100 *Id.*

¹⁰¹ <https://seekingalpha.com/article/4707818-corcept-therapeutics-incorporated-cort-q2-2024-earnings-call-transcript>.

102 *Id.*

¹⁰³ <https://www.fool.com/earnings/call-transcripts/2025/11/27/corcept-cort-q3-2025-earnings-call-transcript/>.

¹⁰⁴ <https://ir.corcept.com/static-files/455a877a-cbe5-4bd2-8953-5f208a6d6642> at 33.

1 134. But Corcept's CEO, Joseph Belanoff, told investors that Corcept had been "thinking
 2 about" the possibility of generic competition "for a long time and we've been prepared for this
 3 possibility since 2020. We have a plan in place and we will continue to revise that plan as we
 4 receive new market intelligence and as I said before, we're continuing to invest in our Korlym
 5 business and we're confident in our ability to both grow and protect the share that we have."¹⁰⁵

6 135. It is now apparent that Corcept's "plan" was to thwart generic competition by locking
 7 up the most effective distribution channel for Korlym through a highly unusual, anticompetitive
 8 exclusive-dealing agreement with a key pharmacy, as well as paying bribes and kickbacks to
 9 physicians as compensation for continuing to prescribe brand Korlym.

10 1. **Corcept Entrenches Its Monopoly Through an Anticompetitive Exclusive-**
 11 **Dealing Agreement.**

12 136. A central reason Teva's lower-cost generic Korlym has failed to gain more than a
 13 toehold in the market is because Corcept has locked up the key distribution channel by entering a
 14 long-term, unprecedented, blanket exclusive-dealing arrangement with the only pharmacy that
 15 distributed brand Korlym from 2017 until very recently.

16 137. From 2017 until very recently, Corcept distributed Korlym exclusively through the
 17 specialty pharmacy Optime. Under the Corcept-Optime distribution agreement, Optime is forbidden
 18 to distribute any products that compete with Korlym—including generic versions of Korlym. As
 19 disclosed in Corcept's SEC filings, the agreement provides in express terms that "Optime shall not,
 20 directly or indirectly, perform services for any third party with respect to a treatment or potential
 21 treatment (whether generic or otherwise) for any disorder treated by a Product [i.e., Korlym], unless
 22 otherwise specifically agreed to by the Parties."¹⁰⁶

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¹⁰⁵ <https://seekingalpha.com/article/4670850-corcept-therapeutics-incorporated-cort-q4-2023-earnings-call-transcript>.

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¹⁰⁶ <https://ir.corcept.com/static-files/a461c17e-29e7-4bdf-9b86-b745fac82166> at 57, § 12.2.

1 138. According to Corcept's SEC filings, Corcept's agreement with Optime has been in
 2 place since August 4, 2017, was renewed effective April 1, 2024, and has a current term that runs
 3 until March 31, 2027, with automatic renewal for successive three-year terms after that.¹⁰⁷

4 139. The Corcept-Optime agreement has been amended three times since 2017: first on
 5 August 1, 2022, then on September 16, 2022, and finally on April 1, 2024.¹⁰⁸ Unredacted copies of
 6 the agreements and amendments are not publicly available, which makes it impossible to fully assess
 7 how the agreement's terms have changed over time. But Corcept's SEC filings indicate that Corcept
 8 and Optime have made numerous adjustments to the terms of their relationship, including revising
 9 the fees, services, and other obligations that Corcept and Optime owe each other in connection with
 10 the distribution of Korlym.¹⁰⁹ The April 1, 2024 amendment comprehensively "amend[ed] and
 11 restate[d] the 2017 Distribution Services Agreement in its entirety."¹¹⁰

12 140. Representatives from Teva met with representatives from Optime on May 1, 2024.
 13 Teva's objective was to persuade Optime to distribute Teva's generic Korlym product
 14 immediately—or at least to explain what Teva would need to do to persuade Optime to distribute
 15 Teva's generic Korlym product in the future. Optime's representatives made clear that there was
 16 nothing Teva could do to gain access to the Optime distribution channel. Optime's employees
 17 described the agreement with Corcept as an "evergreen" contract that effectively has no expiration
 18 date and that Optime is not free to terminate. During this meeting, Optime representatives would not
 19 even entertain a bid from Teva, even though Optime could potentially make more money by
 20 distributing Teva's generic. Citing the exclusivity provisions of its agreement with Corcept, Optime
 21 explained that it was not allowed to distribute Teva's product, no matter what terms Teva might
 22 propose.

23 ¹⁰⁷ *Id.* at 14; *id.* at 60, § 14.

24 ¹⁰⁸ *Id.* at 44.

25 ¹⁰⁹ See <https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1088856/000162828022028203/cort93022-ex103.htm> (Aug. 1, 2022 amendment); <https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1088856/000162828022028203/cort93022ex104.htm> (Sept. 16, 2022 amendment).

26 ¹¹⁰ <https://ir.corcept.com/static-files/a461c17e-29e7-4bdf-9b86-b745fac82166> at 44.

1 141. Unredacted copies of the Corcept-Optime agreement are not publicly available. But
 2 Corcept's SEC filings indicate that the agreement is severely one-sided in favor of Corcept.

3 142. For example, Corcept has the right to terminate the distribution agreement for
 4 convenience at any time, but Optime does not; Optime's only termination right is if Corcept commits
 5 a material breach that Corcept fails to cure in a reasonable time after receiving written notice.¹¹¹ As
 6 a result—and consistent with the representations made by Optime employees during their meeting
 7 with Teva—Optime is not free to cancel its agreement with Corcept, no matter how attractive an
 8 offer Teva might make it.

9 143. Statements that Optime employees made to Teva during their May 1, 2024 meeting
 10 likewise indicate that Optime does not consider itself free to allow the agreement to expire at the end
 11 of its current term, in 2027; rather, the agreement will remain in effect for as long as Corcept wants
 12 it to be in effect.

13 144. Similarly, although Optime is bound by a blanket contractual exclusivity provision
 14 that expressly forbids it from distributing products that compete with Korlym, Corcept does not
 15 appear to be bound by any similar provision restricting it from distributing Korlym through other
 16 pharmacies—and the April 1, 2024 amendments appear to have expanded Corcept's right to relieve
 17 itself of its obligation to distribute Korlym exclusively through Optime (while leaving in place
 18 Optime's express, blanket obligation not to distribute products that compete with Korlym).¹¹²

20 ¹¹¹ *Id.* at 25-26; *id.* at 60-61, § 15.

21 ¹¹² As amended on April 1, 2024, Section 18.5 of the agreement provides that, with respect to
 22 individual task orders, “Optime shall be Corcept’s exclusive provider of direct-to-patient pharmacy
 23 services”—but even then, Corcept can override that provision by “stat[ing] otherwise in the
 24 applicable Task Order,” and Corcept can also “elect, in its sole discretion, to modify this Section
 25 18.5 to render this Agreement non-exclusive for any given Product.” *Id.* at 63, § 18.5. Optime has
 26 no similar right to modify its obligation to exclude all products that compete with Korlym. By
 27 contrast, the first three versions of the agreement do not appear to have given Corcept the broad right
 28 “to render this Agreement non-exclusive for any given Product.” See
https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1088856/000156459017021314/cort-ex101_392.htm § 19
 (exclusivity provision of original version of agreement); <https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1088856/000162828022028203/cort93022-ex103.htm> (Aug. 1, 2022 amendment);
<https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1088856/000-162828022028203/cort93022ex104.htm> (Sept. 16, 2022 amendment).

1 145. The agreement is not incentive-based. Rather, Optime must comply with a long-term,
 2 blanket, express prohibition on distributing rival products without exception, regardless of whether
 3 adhering to the exclusivity provision is in Optime's best financial interests, and regardless of
 4 whether Teva or any other generic company offers lower pricing or other incentives that Corcept
 5 refuses to match. As Optime employees made clear to Teva during their recent meeting, Optime has
 6 no choice but to work exclusively with Corcept even though it could potentially make more money
 7 distributing Teva's generic.

8 146. It is not surprising that Corcept would be able to coerce such one-sided terms in its
 9 agreement with Optime. As alleged in the federal securities class action, Optime was founded in
 10 2015, and for many years, Corcept was its only supplier, and Korlym was the only drug it
 11 distributed. Those circumstances made Optime entirely dependent on Corcept; Optime could not
 12 risk losing its only supplier, and so felt obligated to accede to whatever terms Corcept demanded.

13 147. On information and belief, Optime remains heavily dependent on its relationship with
 14 Corcept for the survival of its business, and remains under intense pressure to accede to contractual
 15 terms demanded by Corcept. Statements from Optime employees to Teva made clear Optime's
 16 belief that if it were to distribute Teva's generic mifepristone product, Corcept would stop supplying
 17 it with brand Korlym and would likely never do business with it again. Such retaliation would be
 18 very damaging to Optime.

19 148. The Corcept-Optime agreement is highly unusual in the pharmaceutical industry.
 20 Teva does not have—and is not aware of other manufacturers having—any such agreements with
 21 pharmacies that include this sort of one-sided, blanket, perpetual exclusivity that expressly forbids
 22 the pharmacy from distributing competitor products. Based on numerous conversations with Teva
 23 employees and third parties, all of whom have extensive experience in the pharmaceutical sector, the
 24 Corcept-Optime agreement is an extreme outlier, and possibly unprecedented.

25 149. The Corcept-Optime exclusive agreement has had a near-total foreclosure effect on
 26 the market for Korlym. As noted above, Teva has gained minuscule market share in the twenty four
 27 months it has been on the market as the only cheaper alternative to brand Korlym, and Corcept itself
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1 has boasted that it is “not aware of losing any patients to generic mifepristone”¹¹³ and that Teva’s
 2 generic “has had very little impact on our business” despite being nominally “in the channel for
 3 many months.”¹¹⁴ Because Corcept has nearly a 100% share of the market for Korlym, and
 4 because Corcept until recently sold 100% of its Korlym product through Optime, and because
 5 experience has proven that alternative distribution channels are not realistically able to threaten
 6 Corcept’s dominant market share, the exclusivity provision that forbids Optime from distributing
 7 Teva’s product has a nearly 100% foreclosure effect in the relevant market.

8 150. This exclusive-dealing arrangement has been particularly effective at foreclosing
 9 competition because Corcept spent years heavily promoting Korlym to prescribers and building a
 10 distribution system that automatically routes Korlym prescriptions to Optime. Because Korlym
 11 treats a small patient base with a limited number of physicians, Corcept has been highly successful at
 12 closely tracking prescribers and entrenching their use of the Optime distribution channel.

13 151. Starting in 2017—when Corcept began working with Optime—physicians had no
 14 choice but to route Korlym prescriptions through Optime, because brand Korlym faced no
 15 competitors and Optime was the only pharmacy that distributed it. Corcept took advantage of these
 16 years alone on the market to build a durable, “sticky” Optime distribution channel by developing
 17 close relationships with physicians and incentivizing them—including through illicit bribes and
 18 kickbacks, as described below—to form entrenched prescribing and referral patterns, the most
 19 important being their overwhelming, robust reliance on the Optime distribution channel.

20 152. On information and belief, Corcept and Optime have deployed numerous tactics,
 21 including providing certain services to physicians, to entice these same physicians to route their
 22 Korlym prescriptions through Optime. These practices—even if not anticompetitive standing
 23 alone—have (together with illicit practices like paying bribes and kickbacks to prescribers)
 24 cemented Optime as the dominant pharmacy, and entrenched the Optime distribution channel as the

25 113 <https://seekingalpha.com/article/4688346-corcept-therapeutics-incorporated-cort-q1-2024-earnings-call-transcript>.

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 27 114 <https://seekingalpha.com/article/4707818-corcept-therapeutics-incorporated-cort-q2-2024-earnings-call-transcript>.

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1 most efficient, effective, profit-maximizing means of reaching end-consumers of Korlym. And it is
 2 precisely for this reason—*i.e.*, that access to the Optime distribution channel is a prerequisite to
 3 effectively compete in this market—that by denying Teva that very access, Corcept and Optime’s
 4 highly unusual, one-sided, blanket, perpetual, express exclusivity agreement is an effective bulwark
 5 against price competition and an unreasonable and exclusionary practice that has foreclosed Teva
 6 from competing effectively and allowed Corcept to continue charging supracompetitive prices.

7 153. These circumstances make clear that, as a result of Corcept’s “first mover” advantage
 8 (*i.e.*, the decade-plus it spent alone on the market, including several years beyond the exclusivity
 9 period it lawfully should have enjoyed), doctors at minimum face high switching costs and are
 10 resistant to switching to alternative pharmacies. Discovery will allow Teva to uncover more details
 11 about how the Optime distribution channel functions, but on information and belief, these dynamics
 12 help explain why physicians continue to route their prescriptions through Optime, even setting aside
 13 the evidence of illicit bribes and kickbacks discussed below.

14 154. Corcept spent years without competition (years beyond what Corcept lawfully should
 15 have enjoyed), and used that time alone on the market to spend millions of dollars cultivating
 16 relationships with physicians, incentivizing them to rely on the Optime distribution channel. Having
 17 developed entrenched physician prescribing behavior and a sticky distribution channel subject to
 18 high switching costs, Corcept is now in a position to thwart generic competition by blocking its
 19 rivals’ access to that distribution channel—blocking the most efficient, effective, and profit-
 20 maximizing means of market entry—which is exactly what the exclusive-dealing agreement with
 21 Optime accomplishes, by prohibiting the dominant pharmacy from distributing generic competitors.

22 155. In short, Corcept first made access to the Optime distribution channel a prerequisite to
 23 effectively compete for patients in this market, and then used its exclusivity with Optime to lock up
 24 the market by depriving competitors (including Teva) of access to that same channel.

25 156. These results are especially pernicious and anticompetitive because the Corcept-
 26 Optime agreement operates as an end-run around state generic substitution laws and the robust price
 27 competition they are meant to promote. As described above, state substitution laws are designed to
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1 promote rapid switching from brand drugs to generic drugs upon generic entry, to save health plans
 2 and patients money. But substitution laws cannot function if a prescription is routed to a pharmacy
 3 that does not stock the generic. And, as discussed above, Corcept continues to charge
 4 supracompetitive prices notwithstanding the launch of Teva's generic, so health plans and patients
 5 who must purchase or reimburse the product dispensed by Optime remain locked into monopoly
 6 brand pricing. The Corcept-Optime agreement therefore has the anticompetitive effect of frustrating
 7 the operation of state substitution laws and depriving Teva of a prescription base for its generic
 8 version of Korlym, while preventing the price competition that generic substitution is meant to
 9 promote.

10 157. Corcept has boasted about its success in circumventing state substitution laws. For
 11 example, on an earnings call in February 2024, Sean Maduck—Corcept's President of
 12 Endocrinology—answered a question about “barriers to generic adoption” and the Optime
 13 distribution channel by explaining that Corcept had put in place a “tightly controlled model” that
 14 ensures that “this is not your typical pharmaceutical market” and “automatic substitution does not
 15 happen ... like you see in a lot of these cases.”¹¹⁵

16 158. Teva's experience has confirmed the pernicious effects of the “barriers to generic
 17 adoption” that Corcept has put in place. Indeed, Teva has faced significant hurdles—with very little
 18 success—in trying to employ existing or potential alternative channels of distribution to reach the
 19 ultimate consumers of Korlym, and has found no viable, practical, or feasible alternative distribution
 20 channels that can be used to meaningfully threaten Corcept's monopoly.

21 159. Teva has expended significant efforts over many months trying to make inroads on
 22 Corcept's market share by working through other channels. For example, Teva's product is
 23 available and stocked at all major national wholesalers and a specialty wholesaler. In addition, Teva
 24 has made and continues to make the product available to all major national specialty pharmacies,
 25 several regional specialty pharmacies, and several other national retail pharmacies, either directly or

27 ¹¹⁵ <https://seekingalpha.com/article/4670850-corcept-therapeutics-incorporated-cort-q4-2023-earnings-call-transcript>.

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1 through wholesalers or distributors. Teva has also secured pricing on government contracts. And as
 2 explained above, Teva has maintained a material price discount compared to Korlym's price
 3 continuously from the time Teva launched. These efforts to compete outside of the Optime
 4 distribution channel have been substantial and ongoing—but they have also been ineffective, as
 5 proven by Teva's virtually nonexistent market share notwithstanding Teva's lower prices, and as
 6 gleefully confirmed by Corcept on its earnings calls.

7 160. Teva's inability to threaten Corcept's monopoly through alternative distribution
 8 channels underscores the high barriers to entry in the downstream Korlym market. The years that
 9 Corcept spent cementing entrenched prescriber reliance on the Optime distribution channel
 10 (including through illicit means like paying bribes and kickbacks) has—just as Corcept intended—
 11 effectively erected very high entry barriers to alternative pharmacies, making it nearly impossible for
 12 any such pharmacies to establish themselves as effective rival distribution channels.

13 161. In addition, Teva has attempted to gain market share by persuading Pharmacy Benefit
 14 Managers (“PBMs”) and health insurers to revise their formularies to encourage a switch from brand
 15 Korlym to Teva’s generic. These efforts are ongoing, but to date have also been ineffective at
 16 allowing Teva to compete, and have not enabled Teva to pose any meaningful threat to Corcept’s
 17 monopoly, even though Teva’s prices are lower.

18 162. Teva is thus reliant on access to Optime to compete, but Corcept’s exclusive
 19 agreement with Optime has cut Teva off from the key pharmacy pipeline that is necessary to permit
 20 Teva to compete effectively. The economic reality is that the market for Korlym is highly
 21 concentrated, with a relatively small number of physicians and sticky, durable patterns of prescribing
 22 behavior and high switching costs. Corcept was the only company on the market for more than a
 23 decade (a position it obtained through unlawful tactics), and it used that time to entrench Optime as
 24 the only specialty pharmacy prescribers rely on when writing prescriptions. Even if Corcept had
 25 used entirely legitimate means to convince physicians to rely exclusively on Optime—which Teva
 26 disputes, given substantial evidence of bribes and kickbacks discussed below—that would not
 27 detract from the harm to competition and patients that the exclusive arrangement is causing, because
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1 it would not change the economic reality that Teva has been unable to compete effectively without
 2 access to Optime, and that patients and health plans are paying higher prices as a result.

3 163. Comments by Corcept on a recent earnings call only underscore the anticompetitive
 4 effects of the Optime exclusive-dealing arrangement. In May 2024, Sean Maduck, Corcept's
 5 President of Endocrinology, claimed that "when Korlym is prescribed both the physician and the
 6 patient receive a high level of support both at intake and ongoing from both the pharmacy and
 7 Corcept. And this is support that is tremendously valued by doctors and by patients. And for this
 8 reason, physicians who prescribe Korlym have a very strong brand preference."¹¹⁶

9 164. Even if that explanation were true, it would be no justification for Corcept's exclusive
 10 arrangement with Optime. On the contrary, Corcept's comments confirm Corcept's understanding
 11 that rivals like Teva cannot compete effectively if they are forced to sell through alternative
 12 distribution channels.

13 165. Furthermore, Corcept's vague claims about the importance of "support" from Corcept
 14 and Optime are almost certainly pretextual. Korlym is a once-a-day pill that is easy to take, is not
 15 subject to a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy ("REMS") program, and does not require
 16 meaningful support from specialized pharmacists.¹¹⁷

17 166. In any event, even if discovery were to show that Optime offers some services or
 18 conveniences that doctors value, that would again only highlight why it is unreasonably
 19 anticompetitive and exclusionary for Corcept to block Teva from using the Optime distribution
 20 channel, because it would explain why blocking Teva's access to the preferred distribution channel

22 ¹¹⁶ <https://seekingalpha.com/article/4688346-corcept-therapeutics-incorporated-cort-q1-2024-earnings-call-transcript>.

23 ¹¹⁷ A REMS program is a drug safety program that the FDA can require for certain medications
 24 that have serious safety concerns. REMS programs can require physicians and pharmacists to help
 25 prevent, monitor, or manage serious safety risks by informing, educating, or reinforcing actions
 26 among patients to reduce the frequency or severity of adverse events. Drugs subject to REMS
 27 programs can therefore require frequent, ongoing services by doctors and pharmacists. Korlym is
 28 not subject to a REMS program. See, e.g., Claudia Manzo, *Risk Evaluation and Mitigation
 Strategies (REMS)*, FDA (May 2023), [https://www.fda.gov/drugs/our-perspective/risk-evaluation-and-mitigation-strategies-rems#:~:text=Risk%20evaluation%20and%20mitigation%20strategy,particular%20adverse%20event\(s\)](https://www.fda.gov/drugs/our-perspective/risk-evaluation-and-mitigation-strategies-rems#:~:text=Risk%20evaluation%20and%20mitigation%20strategy,particular%20adverse%20event(s)).

1 is so effective at foreclosing competition and preserving Corcept’s monopoly power. Moreover,
2 there are no procompetitive efficiencies generated by a blanket contractual provision that expressly
3 forbids Optime from distributing rival Korlym products. Corcept could pay Optime to provide
4 services to patients who receive brand Korlym, without forbidding Optime from distributing generic
5 competitors—and patients who truly valued those services could simply pay a premium to stick with
6 the brand and continue receiving whatever services Corcept and Optime provide. That Corcept has
7 chosen *not* to compete on the merits in this fashion shows that the “services” Corcept touts are
8 pretextual, and that Defendants’ unprecedented exclusive-dealing agreement serves no legitimate
9 end, but serves only to prolong Corcept’s monopoly and supracompetitive prices by robbing patients
10 and health plans of the opportunity to obtain Teva’s lower-priced generic.

11 167. Corcept has exploited its entrenched monopoly position by charging higher prices
12 than Teva, and higher prices than Corcept would be able to charge if Corcept faced genuine
13 competition. Teva, as well as purchasers of brand and generic mifepristone—including health plans
14 and patients—are worse off as a result.

2. Corcept Further Entrenches Its Monopoly by Paying Bribes and Kickbacks to Physicians as Compensation for Prescribing Brand Korlym.

17 168. To solidify physicians' use of brand Korlym and to reinforce an illicit bulwark
18 against generic competition, Corcept has also engaged in a years-long campaign to steer prescribers,
19 patients, and payers away from Teva's generic—specifically, by bribing physicians and other
20 practitioners to prescribe brand Korlym by making unlawful payments as compensation for
21 prescriptions. These allegations are supported by publicly available payment and prescription data,
22 well-sourced allegations in a federal securities lawsuit against Corcept, reporting by investigative
23 journalists, and an ongoing investigation into Corcept by the United States Attorney's Office for the
24 District of New Jersey.

25 169. Around the time Teva filed its ANDA, Corcept began drastically increasing the
26 amount of money it paid to physicians and non-physician practitioners who prescribed Korlym.
27 Data available in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Open Payments database show
28 that in 2016, Corcept paid \$380,149.69 to physicians for activities not associated with research

1 studies. In 2018, after Teva filed its ANDA, that figure nearly tripled, to \$1,023,141.04. In 2022,
 2 Corcept made \$1,547,712.50 in non-research payments to physicians and non-physician
 3 practitioners. In 2023—the last year of publicly available data—Corcept made \$1,213,953.55 in
 4 non-research payments to physicians and non-physician practitioners. On information and belief,
 5 Corcept's payments have grown even higher in 2024.

6 170. Substantial evidence indicates that a material portion of Corcept's payments have
 7 been used to illicitly compensate physicians for prescribing brand Korlym. One court in this District
 8 has already credited allegations to that effect based on eyewitness accounts of several confidential
 9 witnesses.¹¹⁸

10 171. These allegations are also substantiated by publicly available data, reports by
 11 investigative journalists, and an ongoing investigation by the United States Attorney's Office for the
 12 District of New Jersey—on top of the already suspicious behavior of physicians continuing to route
 13 all of their Korlym prescriptions to Optime without apparent justification.

14 172. As an initial matter, physician prescribing activity can be tracked in part by
 15 consulting publicly available Medicare Part D claims data.¹¹⁹ This data discloses how many claims
 16 each prescriber submitted to Medicare Part D, for each drug, in each year between 2013 and 2022.
 17 Of course, Medicare Part D claims data only discloses a subset of the number of prescriptions
 18 written by a prescriber for any given drug, because Medicare Part D data does not include
 19 prescriptions paid for by means other than Medicare Part D, such as private insurance, other
 20 government benefits plans, or by patients out of pocket. Nor does Medicare Part D data disclose
 21 relationships among physicians—like which physicians are part of the same practice—as one would
 22 need to know to determine how many prescriptions are written by physicians who are affiliated with
 23 one another. Nevertheless, Medicare Part D claims data can help identify some of the physicians
 24 who were high prescribers of Korlym through 2022.

25 ¹¹⁸ *Ferraro Fam. Found., Inc. v. Corcept Therapeutics Inc.*, 2021 WL 3748325, at *15 (N.D.
 26 Cal. Aug. 24, 2021).

27 ¹¹⁹ <https://data.cms.gov/provider-summary-by-type-of-service/medicare-part-d-prescribers/medicare-part-d-prescribers-by-provider-and-drug/data>.

1 173. In addition, publicly available “Open Payments” data from the Centers for Medicare
 2 and Medicaid Services (“CMS”) discloses how much money pharmaceutical companies paid to
 3 individual physicians and non-physician practitioners in each year between 2013 and 2023.¹²⁰ Of
 4 course, CMS Open Payments data is incomplete because it does not identify relationships among
 5 physicians—like which physicians are part of the same practice—as one would need to know to
 6 determine how much money Corcept paid to physicians who are affiliated with one another. Nor
 7 does CMS Open Payments data necessarily reveal the true purpose of the payments made by
 8 pharmaceutical companies. And it also does not reveal payments made by entities affiliated with
 9 pharmaceutical companies—for example, payments made by pharmacies like Optime—which means
 10 it is likely underinclusive. Nevertheless, CMS Open Payments data can be used to identify some of
 11 the doctors who received large payments from Corcept through the end of 2023.

12 174. Discovery from Corcept will fill out the details on which doctors have prescribed
 13 Korlym over the years, how much Corcept and any of its affiliates have paid them during that time,
 14 and whether the payments had any legitimate purpose. But based on a review of Medicare Part D
 15 claims data and CMS Open Payments data—combined with allegations from well-placed
 16 confidential witnesses, reporting by investigative journalists, and an ongoing federal investigation—
 17 there is substantial evidence to indicate that Corcept has engaged in a years-long campaign to funnel
 18 illicit kickbacks to physicians as compensation for prescribing brand Korlym, and that this bribery
 19 campaign is ongoing.

20 175. For example, Dr. Jerry Back is a physician practicing in North Charleston, South
 21 Carolina. According to Medicare Part D claims data, Dr. Back submitted 115 Medicare Part D
 22 claims for Korlym in 2017, and 98 claims in 2018. Dr. Back’s Medicare claims were the highest of
 23 any physician submitting Korlym claims to Medicare Part D in 2017, and were the second highest in
 24 2018. By comparison, Dr. Back submitted only 19 Korlym claims to Medicare Part D in 2016, and
 25 he submitted zero Korlym claims in 2014 and 2015. As soon as Dr. Back began writing a substantial

26 120 Payment data from 2017 to 2023 is available here: <https://openpaymentsdata.cms.gov/>.
 27 Payment data from 2013 to 2016 is archived here: <https://www.cms.gov/priorities/key-initiatives/open-payments/data/archived-datasets>.

1 number of Korlym prescriptions, he simultaneously became one of the largest recipients of payments
 2 from Corcept. Dr. Back's payments from Corcept skyrocketed from just \$154.38 in 2016, to
 3 \$55,454.60 in 2017, and \$31,099.16 in 2018.

4 176. Dr. Back was a prime candidate to receive bribes from Corcept, as his willingness to
 5 accept illegal kickbacks from pharmaceutical companies is a matter of public record. In May 2019,
 6 Dr. Back agreed to pay the federal government \$92,506.30 to settle criminal charges that he accepted
 7 illegal kickback payments from pharmaceutical company OK Compounding, L.L.C., in exchange for
 8 writing prescriptions for certain pain creams. As reported by the United States Attorney's Office for
 9 the Northern District of Oklahoma, “[b]eginning in 2013, Dr. Back prescribed ... pain creams for his
 10 patients, facilitating the sale and distribution of the creams. As compensation for his services, OK
 11 Compounding paid Dr. Back what was characterized by the parties as ‘medical director fees’ based
 12 upon an hourly rate. However, the payments Dr. Back received from the company were, in
 13 actuality, ‘kickbacks.’”¹²¹

14 177. As the case of Dr. Back illustrates, a pharmaceutical company’s stated reason for
 15 paying a physician may turn out to be a pretext masking illicit bribes. The case of Dr. Back also
 16 illustrates the limited ability of the CMS Open Payments database to expose illicit bribery and
 17 kickback schemes (and hence the need for discovery), because OK Compounding—the entity that
 18 paid Dr. Back to prescribe pain creams—does not appear as a company making payments in the
 19 CMS Open Payments database.

20 178. Dr. Back’s payments from Corcept fit the same pattern as his kickbacks from OK
 21 Compounding, and were very likely illegal compensation for prescribing Korlym. After Dr. Back
 22 settled the federal government’s kickback charges in 2019, his payments from Corcept dropped
 23 substantially (but were still noticeably high). Corcept paid Dr. Back \$15,841.30 in 2019, \$7,229.27
 24 in 2020, \$13,259.13 in 2021, and \$7,544.55 in 2022, the last year he received payments from

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 27 ¹²¹ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndok/pr/south-carolina-doctor-will-pay-9250630-allegedly-engaging-illegal-kickback-scheme>.

Corcept. In total, between 2017 and 2022, Dr. Back received \$130,582.39 in payments from Corcept, none of which were for research-related activities.

179. Similarly, Dr. Joseph Mathews is a physician practicing in Summerville, South Carolina. Like Dr. Back, Dr. Mathews dramatically increased his number of Korlym claims submitted to Medicare Part D, from just 16 Korlym claims in 2016 (and zero in 2014 and 2015), to 85 claims in 2017, 89 claims in 2018, 70 claims in 2019, 61 claims in 2020, 79 claims in 2021, and 90 claims in 2022. During that time, Dr. Mathews's payments from Corcept also skyrocketed. After receiving just \$3,497.58 in 2016, Dr. Mathews received \$73,777.19 in 2017, and a total of \$174,328.21 between 2017 and 2022. None of those payments were for research-related activities.

180. Investigative journalists have uncovered substantial evidence of illegal payments paid by Corcept to additional physicians. For example, according to a report published in 2019 by the Foundation for Financial Journalism, drawing on an investigation by the Southern Investigative Reporting Foundation, Dr. Hanford Yau and his Veterans Administration clinic in Orlando, Florida, prescribed Korlym to 84 people from early 2016 to Sept. 1, 2018, generating at least 9% of Corcept’s total revenue in 2017.¹²² Simultaneously, Dr. Yau became Corcept’s leading recipient of speakers bureau payments, personally receiving \$95,139.66 from Corcept in 2017 alone. From 2017 to 2023—the last year for which CMS Open Payments data is available—Dr. Yau received a total of \$443,531.01 in payments from Corcept, none of which was for research-related activities.

181. The case of Dr. Yau illustrates the limited ability of Medicare Part D claims data to expose illicit bribery and kickback schemes (and hence the need for discovery), because Dr. Yau has not submitted any Medicare Part D claims for Korlym, which would make it impossible to identify him as a high prescriber by relying on Medicare Part D claims data alone.

182. Other highly suspicious examples are not hard to find. For instance, Dr. Kevin M. Pantalone is a physician practicing in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Pantalone submitted just 12 Korlym

¹²² Roddy Boyd, *Corcept Therapeutics: The Company That Perfectly Explains the Health Care Crisis*, The Foundation for Financial Journalism (Jan. 25, 2019), <https://ffj-online.org/2019/01/25/corcept-therapeutics-the-company-that-perfectly-explains-the-health-care-crisis/>.

1 claims to Medicare Part D between 2016 and 2020, and received only \$2,151.55 from Corcept
 2 during that entire time. Between 2021 and 2022, however, Dr. Pantalone submitted 74 Korlym
 3 claims to Medicare Part D, and received \$197,092.27 in payments from Corcept. None of Dr.
 4 Pantalone's payments were for research-related activities. In 2023, Dr. Pantalone received another
 5 \$62,205.53 in payments from Corcept, none of which were for research-related activities.

6 183. Similarly, Dr. Matthew C. Young is a physician practicing in Colorado Springs,
 7 Colorado. Between 2016 and 2019, Dr. Young submitted just 25 Korlym claims to Medicare Part D,
 8 and received only \$223.98 in payments from Corcept. Between 2020 and 2022, however, Dr. Young
 9 submitted 103 Korlym claims to Medicare Part D, and received \$164,309.78 from Corcept. None of
 10 Dr. Young's payments were for research-related activities. In 2023, Dr. Young received another
 11 \$62,903.15 in payments from Corcept, none of which were for research-related activities.

12 184. Robin M. Anderson is a Nurse Practitioner in Portage, Indiana. Anderson submitted
 13 55 Korlym claims to Medicare Part D in 2019, 46 claims in 2020, 48 claims in 2021, and 25 claims
 14 in 2022. Corcept paid Anderson \$20,503.42 in 2021, the first year pharmaceutical companies were
 15 required to report payments made to nurse practitioners to the CMS Open Payments database. In
 16 2022, Corcept paid Anderson another \$43,525.55. In 2023, Corcept paid Anderson a whopping
 17 \$106,233.24. None of Anderson's payments were for research-related activities.

18 185. Overall, between 2017 and 2023, Corcept's top 10 payment recipients each received
 19 between \$187,441.86 and \$443,531.01 individually, for an average of \$250,588.89 per recipient.
 20 None of those payments were for research-related activities, and in each case, Corcept paid the vast
 21 majority of those amounts *after* Teva had filed its ANDA. Those payments are astronomical and far
 22 outside the norm. Seven of these recipients are physicians for whom the average doctor in their
 23 specialty received \$67,647 in *total payments* from *all pharmaceutical companies combined* during
 24 those years, meaning *Corcept alone* paid these physicians, on average, almost *four times* as much as
 25 all other pharmaceutical companies combined paid to comparable physicians during the same time
 26 period. Getting more extreme, one recipient is a physician for whom the average doctor in his
 27 specialty received just \$5,997 in total payments from all pharmaceutical companies combined
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1 between 2017 and 2023. But Corcept paid him \$227,212.93—***more than 37 times*** as much as
 2 similar physicians received from all other pharmaceutical companies combined during those years.
 3 Even more extreme, the remaining two of Corcept’s top 10 payment recipients are non-physician
 4 practitioners whom Corcept paid \$217,907.04, and \$187,441.86, respectively, over just three years
 5 (2021-2023), when the average practitioners in their specialties received a mere \$2,719 and \$1,603,
 6 respectively, from all pharmaceutical companies combined during those years. In other words,
 7 Corcept paid these non-physician practitioners ***more than 80 times*** and ***116 times*** as much as similar
 8 non-physician practitioners received from all other pharmaceutical companies combined during the
 9 same time period.

10 186. Confidential witnesses and investigative journalists are not the only ones who have
 11 raised concerns over Corcept’s apparent bribery and kickback scheme. On December 8, 2021,
 12 Corcept disclosed that the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of New Jersey had issued
 13 a subpoena to Corcept to investigate whether Corcept committed criminal or civil violations with
 14 respect to “the sale and promotion of Korlym, ***Corcept’s relationships with and payments to health***
 15 ***care professionals who can prescribe or recommend Korlym*** and prior authorizations and
 16 reimbursement for Korlym.”¹²³ According to Corcept’s most recent 10-Q, filed July 29, 2024, the
 17 investigation by the United States Attorney’s Office is still ongoing.¹²⁴

18 187. Corcept’s unlawful payments to physicians are a material factor that has caused
 19 physicians to continue prescribing brand Korlym, and routing their prescriptions to Optime,
 20 notwithstanding the availability of Teva’s lower-priced generic. Corcept’s bribery campaign has
 21 accordingly suppressed competition by contributing in material respects to Corcept’s overall scheme
 22 to deny Teva access to the Korlym market. At the same time, Corcept’s bribery campaign has
 23 resulted in physicians routing their prescriptions to Optime—where Teva’s lower-priced generic
 24 Korlym product is not available—which has robbed patients and health plans of the opportunity to
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26 ¹²³ <https://ir.corcept.com/static-files/118b8df9-ee90-4c0f-b9cd-dd6c3063bfcb> at 2 (emphasis
 added).

27 ¹²⁴ <https://ir.corcept.com/static-files/bb343d5b-63fe-4b7e-898d-e42e84c6bfd6> at 25.

1 choose Teva's lower-priced generic in place of Corcept's more expensive product. Corcept's
 2 bribery campaign violates federal and state law, and physician prescribing decisions induced by
 3 Corcept's payments elevate physicians' financial interests over their patients' best interests, in
 4 violation of physicians' fiduciary duties to their patients. If not for Corcept's bribery campaign,
 5 many physicians would write prescriptions that could be filled with Teva's generic, which would
 6 result in substantial savings for patients and health plans.

7 188. Discovery will allow Teva to uncover more details about the operation of Corcept's
 8 bribery and kickback scheme. Through discovery, Teva will obtain, among other relevant evidence,
 9 the most recent and complete data available on payments made by Corcept and its affiliates to
 10 physicians and non-physician practitioners; the most recent and complete data available on the
 11 number of prescriptions written by individual prescribers and practice groups over the years; and
 12 evidence confirming that a substantial portion of Corcept's payments are in fact illicit bribes and
 13 kickbacks that function as compensation for prescribers to continue prescribing brand Korlym
 14 notwithstanding the availability of Teva's lower-priced generic.

15 **3. Corcept Continues to Stifle Competition by Entering a New Anticompetitive**
 16 **Exclusive-Dealing Agreement.**

17 189. Since Teva filed this lawsuit in June 2024, Corcept has continued to rely on
 18 anticompetitive exclusive-dealing agreements to erect barriers to fair competition and to entrench its
 19 monopoly in the market for Korlym, injuring Teva's business and harming patients and their health
 20 plans. Further, recent public statements by Corcept have confirmed many of Teva's key
 21 allegations—including that the so-called services performed by Optime are illusory, that patients'
 22 dependence on Optime has made them far worse off than if Optime were allowed to distribute
 23 Teva's generic, and that Optime is firmly entrenched as the key distribution channel without which
 24 manufacturers cannot effectively reach Korlym patients.

25 190. For example, Corcept filed a lawsuit against Optime on October 30, 2025, in the
 26 Delaware Court of Chancery, alleging breach of contract and other claims.¹²⁵ In its public verified

27 ¹²⁵ *Corcept Therapeutics, Inc. v. Optime Care, Inc., et al.*, C.A. No. 2025-1249-KSJM (Del.
 28 Ch.).

1 complaint and related filings, Corcept disclosed that for over a year now, Optime has been unable to
 2 fill Korlym prescriptions in a timely manner, and has failed to provide the services Corcept publicly
 3 touts. According to Corcept, “[b]eginning in late 2024, … Optime’s performance deteriorated
 4 significantly,” and “Optime repeatedly failed to fulfill patient prescriptions in a timely manner.”¹²⁶
 5 Optime has been “far too slow to process prior authorization requests from payers,” leading to
 6 material delays in when patients could “begin treatment.”¹²⁷ Additionally, Optime has “had
 7 insufficient staffing (and insufficiently trained staff) to process” Korlym prescriptions, leading to
 8 “long hold times for patients calling the specialty pharmacy, delays in making required outreach to
 9 patients, and delays in responding to patient and physician inquiries. Patients reported that, even
 10 when they were able to get Optime on the phone, they received poorer quality service, and
 11 representatives were often unable to answer important questions.”¹²⁸ According to Corcept,
 12 “Optime’s deficient performance has led to inexcusable delays in patients receiving their medication,
 13 with wide-ranging consequences,” placing patient health in severe jeopardy.¹²⁹ Corcept has
 14 disclosed that “on any given day, more than 100 patients could be waiting for a late refill because of
 15 Optime. Additionally, more than 300 patients who have received prescriptions for Korlym have
 16 been waiting for over four weeks for their first shipment.”¹³⁰

17 191. Corcept’s complaint also confirms that patients have suffered these inexcusable
 18 delays in large part because of Corcept’s efforts to entrench its brand monopoly and stifle
 19 competition from Teva. According to Corcept, Optime explained that “[t]he reason for the delays
 20 in starting patients on Korlym were the business decisions that Corcept made, **by demanding to use**
 21 **a branded product** versus its [authorized] generic product. This caused an increase in workflow for

23 ¹²⁶ *Corcept v. Optime*, C.A. No. 2025-1249-KSJM (Del. Ch.), Compl. ¶¶ 83-84.

24 ¹²⁷ *Corcept v. Optime*, C.A. No. 2025-1249-KSJM (Del. Ch.), Compl. ¶ 85.

25 ¹²⁸ *Corcept v. Optime*, C.A. No. 2025-1249-KSJM (Del. Ch.), Compl. ¶ 85.

26 ¹²⁹ *Corcept v. Optime*, C.A. No. 2025-1249-KSJM (Del. Ch.), Compl. ¶ 86.

27 ¹³⁰ *Corcept v. Optime*, C.A. No. 2025-1249-KSJM (Del. Ch.), Corcept Oct. 30, 2025 Mot. to
 Expedite ¶ 38.

1 Optime's team, leading to a swell in que [sic] volumes.”¹³¹ Far from disputing Optime's
 2 explanation, Corcept claimed to be “acting well within the discretion afforded to it by the [Corcept-
 3 Optime] Agreement in making those decisions,” *i.e.*, Corcept's decisions to force Optime to engage
 4 in the lengthy and complex insurance approval process so that patients and their health plans would
 5 have to pay for Corcept's expensive brand Korlym.¹³²

6 192. The above allegations make clear that the Corcept-Optime exclusive-dealing
 7 agreement is anticompetitive and harms not only Teva, but patients as well. If Optime were
 8 permitted to dispense Teva's generic product, patients would not need to wait for it to engage in the
 9 time-consuming, labor-intensive process of obtaining insurance approval to dispense brand Korlym,
 10 or even authorized generic Korlym. Optime could simply dispense Teva's generic, as state
 11 substitution laws intend, and patients would receive their medicines for less money and without the
 12 delays caused by Corcept's insistence on protecting its monopoly power—and padding its bottom
 13 line—by pushing through its more expensive products instead. Teva, and Korlym patients
 14 everywhere, have paid a steep price for Corcept and Optime's anticompetitive scheme.

15 193. The above allegations also confirm that whatever services Optime provides are
 16 illusory. Patients have been made worse off as a result of their dependence on Optime—not only
 17 because Optime has stood in the way of patients accessing Teva's lower-priced generic product, but
 18 also because Optime's deficient performance and delays in filling prescriptions have jeopardized
 19 patient health, as Corcept has confirmed. Any purported benefits of Optime's services cannot
 20 outweigh those harms to competition and consumers.

21 194. But rather than alleviating these problems by permitting Optime to dispense Teva's
 22 generic product—and engaging in free and fair competition with Teva—Corcept has chosen to
 23 double down on its anticompetitive exclusive-dealing strategy by signing up *another* specialty
 24 pharmacy and *again* prohibiting that pharmacy from dispensing Teva's generic.

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 26 ¹³¹ *Corcept v. Optime*, C.A. No. 2025-1249-KSJM (Del. Ch.), Compl. ¶ 116 (quoting letter from
 27 Optime) (emphasis altered).

28 ¹³² *Corcept v. Optime*, C.A. No. 2025-1249-KSJM (Del. Ch.), Compl. ¶ 118.

1 195. On October 1, 2025, Curant announced that it had entered into a pharmacy
 2 partnership with Corcept.¹³³

3 196. On October 10, 2025, Corcept terminated the Corcept-Optime agreement.¹³⁴ By
 4 agreement of Corcept and Optime, the termination is scheduled to become effective on February 5,
 5 2026.¹³⁵

6 197. Since that time, Teva has reached out to Curant on more than one occasion, with the
 7 aim of persuading Curant to dispense Teva's generic product alongside Corcept's products. Curant
 8 has refused to engage with Teva, ignoring outreach by email and going so far as to terminate a phone
 9 call abruptly as soon as Teva's representative identified himself as a Teva employee. That is despite
 10 the fact that Teva is prepared to offer financial terms that would make Curant better off by
 11 dispensing Teva's products alongside Corcept's, as opposed to dispensing Corcept's products alone.
 12 Curant has never given Teva an explanation for its refusals to entertain offers from Teva, but its
 13 conduct strongly suggests that Curant is subject to the same exclusive-dealing restrictions as
 14 contained in the Corcept-Optime agreement. Curant's refusal to engage with Teva shows that
 15 Curant's agreement with Corcept is not incentive-based, and that Curant does not consider itself free
 16 to terminate the agreement in practice.

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 24 133 <https://curanthealth.com/curant-rare-announces-pharmacy-partnership-with-corcept-therapeutics/>.

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 26 134 *Corcept v. Optime*, C.A. No. 2025-1249-KSJM (Del. Ch.), Compl. ¶ 149.

27 135 *Corcept v. Optime*, C.A. No. 2025-1249-KSJM (Del. Ch.), Ex. A to Nov. 12, 2025, letter
 28 from Optime to Chancellor McCormick, at 4-5.

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6 199. Corcept’s decision to lock up yet another specialty pharmacy with an exclusive-
7 dealing agreement—notwithstanding this Court’s holding that Teva’s complaint plausibly alleges the
8 Corcept-Optime agreement has had a substantial foreclosure effect on the relevant market¹³⁹—is a
9 brazen decision to double down on Corcept’s anticompetitive tactics, confirming that Corcept cannot
10 succeed through genuine competition on the merits.

11 200. Nevertheless, according to Corcept’s allegations in its lawsuit against Optime,
12 Corcept cannot effectively switch patients to Curant without Optime’s help, which Corcept’s lawsuit
13 seeks to compel. These allegations confirm Teva’s allegation that Optime is the key pharmacy
14 pipeline that is necessary to permit Teva to compete effectively—and that the Corcept-Optime
15 exclusive-dealing agreement has therefore had a substantial foreclosure effect in the market for
16 Korlym.

17 201. In Corcept’s own words, “*Optime is more than a dispenser; it is a critical link*
18 *between patients and critical medication.*”¹⁴⁰ In fact, Corcept has represented that it *cannot*
19 effectively distribute its own products through other pharmacies—including Curant—without
20 Optime’s facilitation, and even *with* Optime’s facilitation, it will take Corcept up to six months or
21 more to establish Curant as an effective alternative distribution channel.

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25 ¹³⁹ *Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. v. Corcept Therapeutics, Inc. et al.*, No. 5:24-cv-03567-NW
26 (N.D. Cal.), Dkt. 134, at 18-20.

27 ¹⁴⁰ *Corcept v. Optime*, C.A. No. 2025-1249-KSJM (Del. Ch.), Corcept Oct. 30, 2025 Mot. to
28 Expedite ¶ 12 (emphasis added).

1 202. According to Corcept, “Corcept cannot simply pick [an alternative pharmacy] off a
 2 list and immediately launch a specialized program supporting thousands of patients. It takes roughly
 3 six months to identify the right pharmacy to serve Corcept’s patients, and the process of transitioning
 4 patient care can take anywhere from three to six months—if everything goes smoothly.”¹⁴¹ Corcept
 5 further explained that “switching specialty pharmacies—especially switching a program for
 6 Cushing’s syndrome, which requires an extensive suite of patient support and education—is not like
 7 going down the street to Walgreen’s instead of CVS. Corcept’s newly contracted pharmacy, and any
 8 others it may bring online in the future, must add and then train their staff on Cushing’s syndrome,
 9 the unique needs of Cushing’s syndrome patients, as well as Corcept’s program, just as Optime once
 10 did.”¹⁴²

11 203. And without Optime’s direct involvement, establishing an alternative specialty
 12 pharmacy is not possible. According to Corcept, switching patients to a different pharmacy
 13 “requires Optime’s active participation, including in data transfers, system integration, and patient
 14 communications. These responsibilities are largely or exclusively within Optime’s control.”¹⁴³ In
 15 fact, according to Corcept, if Optime does not actively assist in setting up an alternative pharmacy, it
 16 will “block[] patient access and ***prevent[] any successor pharmacy from serving patients.***”¹⁴⁴

17 204. Corcept’s own words are a powerful validation of Teva’s allegations in this lawsuit,
 18 because they demonstrate that over the past eight-plus years, Optime has become firmly entrenched
 19 as the only practically effective channel for reaching Korlym patients—so much so that any attempt
 20 to establish an alternative channel is not practically feasible without Optime’s help, even for
 21 Corcept. Yet the Corcept-Optime agreement has blocked Teva’s access to Optime, thereby making
 22 it infeasible for Teva to establish an alternative distribution channel to compete with Corcept.

23 ¹⁴¹ *Corcept v. Optime*, C.A. No. 2025-1249-KSJM (Del. Ch.), Compl. ¶ 50.

24 ¹⁴² *Corcept v. Optime*, C.A. No. 2025-1249-KSJM (Del. Ch.), Compl. ¶ 165.

25 ¹⁴³ *Corcept v. Optime*, C.A. No. 2025-1249-KSJM (Del. Ch.), Corcept Oct. 30, 2025 Mot. to
 26 Expedite ¶ 40.

27 ¹⁴⁴ *Corcept v. Optime*, C.A. No. 2025-1249-KSJM (Del. Ch.), Corcept Oct. 30, 2025 Mot. to
 28 Expedite ¶ 7 (emphasis added).

1 Teva's inability to reach Korlym patients through alternative channels should come as no surprise in
 2 light of Corcept's concession that it cannot do so either, at least not without Optime's help, which
 3 has been categorically unavailable to Teva as a result of the Corcept-Optime agreement.

4 205. By entering into a new exclusive-dealing agreement with Curant, and seeking to
 5 compel Optime's help to facilitate the transition, Corcept is aiming to establish Curant as a bulwark
 6 to generic competition just like Optime has provided until now. The Corcept-Curant agreement
 7 therefore threatens to cause the same anticompetitive effects as the Corcept-Optime agreement has
 8 caused, once again blocking patients from accessing Teva's generic mifepristone and protecting
 9 Corcept's monopoly from meaningful erosion.

10 206. Those anticompetitive effects are not lessened by the fact that [REDACTED]
 11 [REDACTED] Corcept's explanation that it takes
 12 three-to-six months to stand up a new specialty pharmacy—assuming the previous pharmacy
 13 actively helps—means that [REDACTED], Corcept would have
 14 enough time to establish yet another pharmacy as a bulwark to generic competition in its place.

15 207. Moreover, Corcept appears to be taking the position that Optime is forbidden from
 16 dispensing Teva's generic product even after the effective date of the termination of the Corcept-
 17 Optime agreement. Corcept has alleged broadly that "Section[] 12" of the Corcept-Optime
 18 agreement, which contains the exclusivity provision forbidding Optime from distributing competing
 19 products, "shall survive the termination or expiration of [the Corcept-Optime] Agreement for any
 20 reason."¹⁴⁵

21 208. There is no legitimate justification for Corcept to prevent Optime from distributing
 22 competing products in perpetuity, even after Optime ceases to perform services for Corcept. Corcept
 23 would only try to do so because it knows that Optime has long been the only practically effective
 24 channel for reaching Korlym patients, and may remain an effective avenue even after the transition
 25 to Curant. Corcept's attempt to continue blocking Teva's access to Optime, in addition to blocking
 26 Teva's access to Curant, is further confirmation that Corcept's monopoly position depends on

27 ¹⁴⁵ *Corcept v. Optime*, C.A. No. 2025-1249-KSJM (Del. Ch.), Compl. ¶ 75.
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1 suppressing fair competition by circumventing automatic substitution laws and foreclosing its rivals
 2 from accessing the key distribution channels.

3 VI. CORCEPT'S MONOPOLY POWER AND RELEVANT MARKET

4 209. The relevant geographic market is the United States, the District of Columbia, and
 5 United States territories.

6 210. The relevant product market is the market for Korlym and its AB-rated generic
 7 equivalents.

8 211. The market for Korlym and its AB-rated generic equivalents is the relevant antitrust
 9 market. Direct evidence shows that (a) but for Corcept's conduct, generic versions of mifepristone
 10 would have entered the market earlier, at substantially lower prices than brand Korlym; and
 11 (b) Corcept never lowered Korlym's prices in response to the pricing of any other actual or potential
 12 treatment for endogenous Cushing's syndrome, or anticipated an expected decrease in its Korlym-
 13 related revenue following the introduction of generic competition.

14 212. Korlym is the first FDA-approved medicinal treatment for endogenous Cushing's
 15 syndrome. At all relevant times prior to Teva's generic launch, Corcept's share of the relevant
 16 market was 100%.

17 213. Teva launched its generic Korlym in January 2024 with 180-day exclusivity. Despite
 18 being the only generic on the market for approximately twenty four months, and despite being priced
 19 at a material discount to Corcept's branded product for that entire time, Teva has captured virtually
 20 no market share. In fact, on Corcept's first quarter 2024 earnings call on May 1, 2024, Corcept
 21 executive Sean Maduck boasted that Corcept was "not aware of losing any patients to generic
 22 mifepristone." On Corcept's second quarter 2024 earnings call on July 29, 2024, Maduck again
 23 boasted that Teva's generic "has had very little impact on our business" despite being "in the
 24 channel for many months." Therefore, even following Teva's generic launch, Corcept still holds a
 25 nearly 100% share of the market.

26 214. Additionally, Corcept has not had to lower its Korlym prices to competitive levels,
 27 despite Teva's entry onto the market.

215. Korlym's orphan drug designation is further evidence of Corcept's monopoly power, because orphan drug status is reserved for drugs that treat diseases and conditions that otherwise lack adequate treatments.

216. At all relevant times before and after Teva's launch of generic Korlym, Corcept has possessed the power to exclude competition and/or raise or maintain the price of brand Korlym at supracompetitive levels without losing enough sales to make supracompetitive prices unprofitable.

217. At all relevant times before and after Teva's launch of generic Korlym, a small but significant, nontransitory increase to the price of brand Korlym did not cause (or would not have caused) such a significant loss of sales that the price increase was or would have been unprofitable.

218. Brand Korlym does not exhibit significant, positive cross-elasticity of demand with respect to price with any other pharmaceutical product or treatment for endogenous Cushing's syndrome, as shown by the fact that unit sales of brand Korlym have not gone down despite prices going up, and as further shown by the fact that Corcept has been able to raise prices substantially above marginal cost (at least 77-times marginal cost or higher) without losing so many sales as to make the price increases unprofitable. The ability to profitably raise prices substantially above marginal costs is considered by economists and antitrust courts to be compelling evidence of monopoly power.

219. Brand Korlym is differentiated from all other mifepristone products, and all other endogenous Cushing's syndrome treatments, other than AB-rated generic versions of brand Korlym.

220. Corcept needs to control only brand Korlym (and to stifle competition from its AB-rated generic equivalents), and no other products, in order to maintain the price of brand Korlym profitably at supracompetitive prices. Only free and open competition from AB-rated generic versions of Korlym would render Corcept unable to profitably maintain its prices for Korlym without losing substantial sales.

221. At all material times, high barriers to entry, including regulatory protections, high costs of entry and expansion, and the Corconcept-Optime exclusive-dealing agreement, have protected brand Korlym from the forces of price competition.

1 222. There is direct evidence of monopoly power and anticompetitive effects available in
 2 this case sufficient to show Defendants' ability to control the price of Korlym, and/or to exclude
 3 relevant competitors, even in the absence of proof of a relevant antitrust market. The direct evidence
 4 consists of, *inter alia*, the following facts: (a) generic Korlym would have entered the market at a
 5 much earlier date, at a substantial discount to brand Korlym, but for Defendants' anticompetitive
 6 conduct; (b) Corcept's gross margin on Korlym (including the costs of ongoing
 7 research/development and marketing) at all relevant times was very high; and (c) Corcept never
 8 lowered the price of brand Korlym to the competitive level in response to the pricing of other brand
 9 or generic drugs.

10 **VII. ANTITRUST IMPACT**

11 223. The intended purpose and effect of Defendants' conduct has been to foreclose or
 12 severely limit generic competition to brand Korlym. Defendants' anticompetitive actions have
 13 netted Corcept and Optime millions of dollars in revenue at the expense of patients and health
 14 insurers (and will do the same for Curant), and to the detriment of Teva as the first generic
 15 manufacturer of mifepristone for the treatment of endogenous Cushing's syndrome.

16 224. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Teva has been
 17 blocked from effectively selling its lower-cost generic product to health plans and patients who have
 18 paid monopoly prices for Korlym in the interim. Defendants have continued to charge, and profit,
 19 off of Corcept's substantially more expensive branded product because of Defendants' illegal
 20 conduct. Particularly: (1) Corcept schemed to delay the approval and launch of Teva's generic
 21 through knowingly improper and fraudulent Orange Book listings and sham patent litigation;
 22 (2) Defendants have blocked a key distribution channel by entering into long-term exclusive-
 23 distribution agreements; and (3) Corcept has made illicit payments to physicians to continue
 24 prescribing brand Korlym. The price of brand Korlym, and Corcept's market share, both remain
 25 artificially inflated as a result of Defendants' unlawful conduct and Corcept's illicit monopoly. The
 26 conduct outlined above was and is exclusionary and an unreasonable restraint on competition.

1 225. Absent Defendants' conduct, Teva would have entered the market with a lower-cost
 2 generic Korlym as early as October 2018, and would have rapidly gained market share and revenue
 3 as reliably happens in competitive pharmaceutical markets following generic entry.

4 226. As a result, Teva has suffered and continues to suffer substantial lost revenue from its
 5 inability to capture market share as would be the case absent Defendants' illegal and anticompetitive
 6 behavior. The full amount and forms and components of Teva's damages will be calculated after
 7 discovery and upon proof at trial, as will the full scope of injunctive relief to which Teva is entitled.

8 **VIII. INTERSTATE AND INTRASTATE COMMERCE**

9 227. Defendants' efforts to monopolize and restrain competition in the market for Korlym
 10 and its AB-rated generic equivalents has substantially affected interstate commerce.

11 228. At all material times, Corcept manufactured, marketed, promoted, distributed, and
 12 sold substantial amounts of Korlym in a continuous and uninterrupted flow of commerce across state
 13 and national lines and throughout the United States, with the assistance of its exclusive-dealing
 14 agreement with Optime.

15 229. At all material times, Corcept transmitted funds, as well as contracts, invoices, and
 16 other forms of business communications and transactions, in a continuous and uninterrupted flow of
 17 commerce across state and national lines in connection with the sale of Korlym, and through its
 18 exclusive-dealing agreement with Optime.

19 230. Defendants' conduct also had substantial intrastate effects in that, among other things,
 20 Teva has been prevented from reaching health plans and patients with lower-cost generic
 21 mifepristone in each respective state. The continued absence of competition from generic
 22 mifepristone for this purpose affects and disrupts commerce within each state.

23 **IX. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS**

24 231. Defendants have engaged in, and continue to engage in, a course of wrongful
 25 conduct, including conduct within the applicable limitations periods. Defendants' conduct has
 26 inflicted continuing and accumulating harm within the applicable statutes of limitations. Teva
 27 accordingly can recover for damages sustained during the applicable limitations periods.

CAUSES OF ACTION

COUNT I: VIOLATION OF 15 U.S.C. § 2

(Against Concept: Monopolization)

232. Teva repeats and realleges all paragraphs set forth above.

233. This claim arises under the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2, and the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 15 and 26, and seeks a judgment that Corcept has violated Section 2 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2, by monopolizing the relevant market through exclusionary acts.

234. At all relevant times, Corcept possessed and continues to unlawfully possess monopoly power in the relevant market for Korlym and its AB-rated generic equivalents—the power to control prices, prevent falling prices, and exclude competitors such as Teva from the relevant markets. Corcept faces no price constraints and is accordingly able to charge supracompetitive prices for a product that is extremely cheap to produce.

235. Corcept has had a 100% market share from Korlym's launch in 2012 to Teva's generic launch in 2024, and continues to enjoy close to a 100% market share even today, nearly twenty four months after generic entry—all of which demonstrates Corcept's power to exclude competition and supports the conclusion that Corcept has monopoly power. *See, e.g., United States v. Dentsply Int'l, Inc.*, 399 F.3d 181, 188 (3d Cir. 2005). (“Dentsply’s [75% – 80%] share of the market is more than adequate to establish a *prima facie* case of [monopoly] power. In addition, Dentsply has held its dominant share for more than 10 years and has fought aggressively to maintain that imbalance.”).

236. Concept willfully and intentionally engaged in an anticompetitive scheme to maintain its monopoly, the components of which either standing alone or in combination (in whole or in part) were designed to and in fact have blocked and delayed entry of generic versions of mifepristone. This scheme included knowingly fraudulent and improper listing of patents in the Orange Book, engaging in sham patent infringement litigation against Teva, maintaining an exclusive distribution agreement with Optime and now Curant, and making illicit payments to physicians as bribes and kickbacks to compensate them for prescribing brand Korlym.

237. During the relevant time periods, Teva has not been afforded the opportunity to compete effectively with Corcept, despite being the only generic manufacturer approved to sell generic mifepristone for endogenous Cushing's syndrome in the United States.

238. Through its overarching anticompetitive scheme, as alleged extensively above, Concept willfully maintained its monopoly power in the relevant market using restrictive or exclusionary conduct, rather than by means of a superior product, greater business acumen, or historical accident. It thereby injured competition, consumers (including health plans and patients), and Teva throughout the last several years and ongoing into the future.

239. By means of this scheme, Corcept intentionally and wrongfully maintained monopoly power in the market for Korlym and its AB-rated generic equivalents in violation of Section 2 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2. As a result of this unlawful maintenance of monopoly power, Teva has been blocked from competing in the relevant market, and thus lost significant profits and revenue.

240. Teva is entitled to damages and injunctive relief to remedy these injuries.

COUNT II: VIOLATION OF 15 U.S.C. § 2

(Against Concept: Attempted Monopolization)

241. Teva repeats and realleges all paragraphs set forth above.

242. Corcept attempted to monopolize the market for Korlym and its AB-rated generic equivalents in violation of Section 2 of the Sherman Act based on the anticompetitive conduct described herein.

243. Corcept had a specific intent to monopolize the market for Korlym and its AB-rated generic equivalents. As discussed in more detail above, this scheme included knowingly fraudulent and improper listing of patents in the Orange Book, engaging in sham patent infringement litigation against Teva, maintaining an exclusive distribution agreement with Optime and now Curant, and making illicit agreements with physicians as bribes and kickbacks to compensate them for prescribing brand Korlym. Corcept designed this scheme to, and in fact did, block and delay entry of generic versions of mifepristone for the treatment of endogenous Cushing’s syndrome, and

1 foreclose effective competition after generic entry. In doing so, Corcept attempted to control high
 2 prices in the relevant market and to exclude competition.

3 244. Through the anticompetitive and exclusionary acts described above, Corcept achieved
 4 a dangerous probability of success of monopolizing the relevant market. To date, despite the entry
 5 of Teva onto the market, Corcept has still maintained its nearly 100% market share and significant
 6 pricing power over the market for Korlym and its AB-rated generic equivalents in the United States
 7 by blocking Teva from competing effectively.

8 **COUNT III: VIOLATION OF 15 U.S.C. § 1**

9 **(Against Corcept and Optime: Conspiracy)**

10 245. Teva repeats and realleges all paragraphs set forth above.

11 246. This claim arises under the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1, and the Clayton Act, 15
 12 U.S.C. §§ 15 and 26, and seeks a judgment that Corcept and Optime have violated Section 1 of the
 13 Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1, by conspiring, combining, and/or agreeing to restrain trade in the
 14 relevant markets.

15 247. Corcept and Optime entered into a long-term exclusive-dealing arrangement that
 16 expressly forbids Optime from distributing any products that compete with brand Korlym, including
 17 Teva's generic Korlym.

18 248. This agreement is facially and practically anticompetitive as it restrains competition
 19 between Corcept and its competitors, including Teva. This agreement has eliminated any
 20 meaningful form of price competition in the market for Korlym and its AB-rated generic
 21 equivalents.

22 249. This exclusive-dealing agreement constitutes an unreasonable restraint of trade under
 23 Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1.

24 250. As a direct and proximate result of the Corcept-Optime exclusive-dealing agreement,
 25 Teva has been injured in its business or property because it has been blocked from effectively
 26 competing in the market, despite the cheaper cost of its equivalent product. All the while, Corcept
 27 has enjoyed ill-gotten gains from the overly inflated cost and sales of its branded drug.

251. Teva is entitled to damages and injunctive relief to remedy these injuries.

COUNT IV: VIOLATION OF 15 U.S.C. § 1

(Against Concept and Curant: Conspiracy)

252. Teva repeats and realleges all paragraphs set forth above.

253. This claim arises under the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1, and the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 15 and 26, and seeks a judgment that Corcept and Curant have violated Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1, by conspiring, combining, and/or agreeing to restrain trade in the relevant markets.

254. Corcept and Curant entered into a long-term exclusive-dealing arrangement that expressly forbids Curant from distributing any products that compete with brand Korlym, including Teva's generic Korlym.

255. This agreement is facially and practically anticompetitive as it restrains competition between Corcept and its competitors, including Teva. This agreement has eliminated any meaningful form of price competition in the market for Korlym and its AB-rated generic equivalents.

256. This exclusive-dealing agreement constitutes an unreasonable restraint of trade under Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1.

257. As a direct and proximate result of the Corcept-Curant exclusive-dealing agreement, Teva has been injured in its business or property because it has been blocked from effectively competing in the market, despite the cheaper cost of its equivalent product. All the while, Corcept has enjoyed ill-gotten gains from the overly inflated cost and sales of its branded drug.

258. The anticompetitive Corcept-Curant agreement threatens substantial loss or damage to Teva's business and property by promising to continue to foreclose Teva from accessing the only effective means of reaching Korlym patients.

259. Teva is entitled to damages and injunctive relief to remedy these injuries.

1 **COUNT V: VIOLATION OF CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE § 17200**

2 **(Against All Defendants: Unfair Competition)**

3 260. Teva repeats and realleges all paragraphs set forth above, except that for the purposes
 4 of this Count, Corcept, Optime, and Curant's liability is alleged based *only* upon their unlawful and
 5 anticompetitive exclusive agreements regarding the marketing of Korlym for the treatment of
 6 Cushing's syndrome and upon Corcept's having made unlawful payments to physicians in
 7 connection with the marketing of Korlym. Teva does not allege that any submission that Corcept
 8 made to the FDA or any other regulator or that any position Corcept took or statement it made
 9 during the patent litigation is the basis for liability under this count.

10 261. By entering into long-term exclusive-dealing arrangements that expressly forbid
 11 Optime and Curant from distributing any products that compete with brand Korlym, including
 12 Teva's generic Korlym, and by paying illicit bribes and kickbacks to physicians to induce them to
 13 prescribe brand Korlym, Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or deceptive acts and
 14 practices in violation of California's Unfair Competition Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, *et*
 15 *seq.*, with respect to sales of brand Korlym.

16 262. Defendants' acts were "unlawful" in that they were taken in violation of various laws
 17 of the State of California and the United States, including the federal Sherman and Clayton Acts, 15
 18 U.S.C. §§ 1, 2, 15, and 26, California's Cartwright Act, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 16720 and 16727,
 19 California's prohibition on contracts in restraint of trade, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 16600,
 20 California's prohibition on commercial bribery, Cal. Penal Code § 641.3, and California's
 21 prohibition of the provision of things of value in exchange for the prescription of drugs covered by
 22 insurance, Cal. Ins. Code § 1871.7.

23 263. Defendants acts were "unfair" in that they threaten an incipient violation of the
 24 antitrust laws, violate the policy or spirit of one of those laws because the effects of their acts are
 25 comparable to or the same as a violation of the law, and because they otherwise significantly
 26 threaten or harm competition.

1 264. Such unlawful and unfair acts by Defendants have had, and continue to have, a
 2 substantial and foreseeable effect on the commerce of California by artificially suppressing
 3 competition, and raising prices, for brand Korlym paid for and/or dispensed in California.

4 265. Such unlawful activities have affected (and continue to affect) both intrastate
 5 commerce and interstate commerce flowing into or out of California, and have had (and continue to
 6 have) direct, substantial, and reasonably foreseeable effects upon trade and commerce in California.

7 266. Through either Defendants themselves or agents/contractors they have engaged for
 8 the sale of brand Korlym, millions of dollars' worth of brand Korlym has been, and continues to be,
 9 sold in California every year.

10 267. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violation of each of the foregoing
 11 laws, Teva has been harmed because it has been blocked from effectively competing in the market,
 12 despite the cheaper cost of its equivalent product. All the while, Corcept has enjoyed ill-gotten gains
 13 from the overly inflated cost and sales of its branded drug.

14 268. Defendants' conduct in violation of California's Unfair Competition Law was done
 15 knowingly, willingly, and flagrantly.

16 269. Teva is entitled to restitution and injunctive relief to remedy these injuries.

17 **COUNT VI: VIOLATION OF CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE § 16600**

18 **(Against All Defendants: Restraint of Trade)**

19 270. Teva repeats and realleges all paragraphs set forth above.

20 271. By entering into a long-term exclusive-dealing arrangement that expressly forbids
 21 Optime and Curant from distributing any products that compete with brand Korlym, including
 22 Teva's generic Korlym, Defendants have violated California's prohibition of contracts in restraint of
 23 trade, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 16600, *et seq.*, with respect to sales of brand Korlym in California.

24 272. Such unlawful acts by Defendants have had, and continue to have, a substantial and
 25 foreseeable effect on the commerce of California by artificially suppressing competition, and raising
 26 prices, for brand Korlym paid for and/or dispensed in California.

273. Such unlawful activities have affected (and continue to affect) both intrastate commerce and interstate commerce flowing into or out of California, and have had (and continue to have) direct, substantial, and reasonably foreseeable effects upon trade and commerce in California.

274. Through either Defendants themselves or agents/contractors they have engaged for the sale of brand Korlym, millions of dollars' worth of brand Korlym has been, and continues to be, sold in California every year.

275. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violation of each of the foregoing laws, Teva has been harmed because it has been blocked from effectively competing in the market, despite the cheaper cost of its equivalent product. All the while, Corcept has enjoyed ill-gotten gains from the overly inflated cost and sales of its branded drug.

276. Defendants' conduct in violation of California's prohibition of contracts in restraint of trade was done knowingly, willingly, and flagrantly.

277. Teva is entitled to damages and injunctive relief to remedy these injuries.

COUNT VII: VIOLATION OF VARIOUS STATE ANTITRUST LAWS
(Against All Defendants)

278. Teva repeats and realleges all paragraphs set forth above.

279. In addition to the California laws alleged above, Defendants have violated the following antitrust and competition statutes of multiple states and territories, which are modeled on the Sherman Act:

1. Alaska Stat. §§ 45.50.562, *et seq.* provides a private right of action to any “person who is injured in business or property by a violation of AS 45.50.562–45.50.570....” AS § 45.50.576(a). The Act provides a four-year statute of limitations period, but if the state Attorney General or other state attorney brings an antitrust action based in whole or part on the same conduct, the statute will be tolled for the duration of the action. *Id.* § 45.50.588. Likewise, a claim for a continuing violation is considered to accrue at any time during the period of the violation. *Id.* Defendants violated AS 45.50.562 (combination in restraint of trade) and AS 45.50.564

(monopolization and attempted monopolization) by entering into unlawful exclusive dealing agreements that effectively blocked (and threaten to block) meaningful generic competition for Korlym and by paying kickbacks to physicians to induce brand Korlym prescriptions. TAC (¶¶136-67, 189-209); (¶¶168-88). The claims made under these provisions are identical to the Sherman Act claims made in Counts I-IV, *see id.* (¶¶232-59), because the restraint of trade and monopolization provisions of the statute closely mirror the Sherman Act. *See Odom v. Lee*, 999 P.2d 755, 761 (Alaska 2000) (noting “[t]his court is guided by federal Sherman Act cases in construing the Alaska antitrust law... [c]laims brought under AS 45.50.562 are also referred to as Sherman Act § 1 claims; claims under AS 45.50.564 have been termed Sherman Act § 2 claims”) (citation omitted).

2. D.C. Code §§ 28-4501, *et seq.* grants a private right of action to “[a]ny person who is injured in that person’s business or property by reason of anything forbidden by this chapter.” *Id.* § 28-4508. The limitations period for antitrust suits in the District of Columbia is four years from the time the cause of action accrues or one year after the conclusion of any timely action brought by the District of Columbia based in whole or part on any matter complained of in the action, whichever is later. *Id.* § 28-4511. Defendants violated D.C. Code § 28-4502 (combination in restraint of trade) and D.C. Code § 28-4503 (monopolization and attempted monopolization) by entering into unlawful exclusive dealing agreements that effectively blocked (and threaten to block) meaningful generic competition for Korlym nationwide, and by paying kickbacks to physicians to induce brand Korlym prescriptions. TAC (¶¶136-67, 189-209); (¶¶168-88). The claims made under this provision are identical to the federal claims made in Counts I-IV, *see id.* (¶¶232-59), because the restraint of trade and monopolization provisions of the statute closely mirror the language of the Sherman Act and should be applied in a manner consistent with federal antitrust laws, including the tolling and accrual standards applicable to the statute of limitations

1 under federal law. *See Ameritech Corp.*, 21 F. Supp. 2d 27, 45 (D.D.C. 1998) (noting
 2 that the “analysis for federal antitrust claims will provide much force” with respect to
 3 the District’s antitrust provisions because those provisions “essentially track the
 4 language” of the Sherman Act); *see also Alemu v. Dep’t of For-Hire Vehicles*, 327 F.
 5 Supp. 3d 29, 48 n.16 (D.D.C. 2018) (analyzing Sherman Act and D.C. antitrust law
 6 regarding monopolization as one because of the consistent statutory language
 7 between the two acts).

8 3. Fla. Stat. §§ 542.15, *et seq.*, provides a private right of action to “[a]ny
 9 person who shall be injured in her or his business or property by reason of any
 10 violation of § 542.18 or § 542.19....” *Id.* § 542.22(1). The statute provides a four-
 11 year statute of limitation period from the time the cause of action accrues. *Id.* §
 12 542.26(1). If the state Attorney General or other state attorney brings an antitrust
 13 action for the same conduct, the statute will be tolled for the duration of the action
 14 plus one year. *Id.* § 542.26(2). Defendants violated § 542.18 (combination in
 15 restraint of trade) and § 542.19 (monopolization and attempted monopolization) of
 16 the Act by entering into unlawful exclusive dealing agreements that effectively
 17 blocked (and threaten to block) meaningful generic competition for Korlym
 18 nationwide, and by paying kickbacks to physicians to induce brand Korlym
 19 prescriptions. TAC (¶¶136-67, 189-209); (¶¶168-88). The claims made under these
 20 provisions are identical to the Sherman Act claims made in Counts I-IV, *see id.*
 21 (¶¶232-59), because the restraint of trade and monopolization provisions of Florida’s
 22 Antitrust statute closely mirror the Sherman Act and should be applied in a manner
 23 consistent with federal antitrust laws, including the tolling and accrual standards
 24 applicable to the statute of limitations under federal law. *See Fla. Stat. § 542.32*
 25 (requiring that “great weight be given to federal precedent in construing analogous
 26 provisions of the Florida Antitrust Act”); *see also All Care Nurs. Serv., Inc. v. High*
 27 *Tech Staffing Servs., Inc.*, 135 F.3d 740 (11th Cir. 1998) (“Federal and Florida
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1 antitrust laws are analyzed under the same rules and case law.”); *In re Jet I Ctr., Inc.*,
 2 332 B.R. 182 (M.D. Fla. 2005) (referring to the Florida Antitrust Act as a “carbon
 3 copy” of federal antitrust statutes).

4 4. Idaho Code §§ 48-101, *et seq.*, provides a private right of action for
 5 “[a]ny person injured directly or threatened with direct injury by reason of anything
 6 prohibited by this chapter” *Id.* § 48-113. The act permits recovery of actual
 7 damages and treble damages if a court finds a per se restraint of trade violation or an
 8 intentional monopolization violation. *Id.* The statute of limitations for private actions
 9 is four years after the cause of action accrues or one year after the conclusion of an
 10 action brought by the state based in whole or part on any matter complained of in the
 11 private action, whichever is later. *Id.* § 48-115 (2). The statute of limitations period is
 12 tolled if the court finds defendant fraudulently concealed the events upon which the
 13 cause of action is based. *Id.* § 48-115 (3). Defendants violated § 48-104
 14 (combination in restraint of trade) and § 48-105 (monopolization and attempted
 15 monopolization) of the Act by entering into unlawful exclusive dealing agreements
 16 that effectively blocked (and threaten to block) meaningful generic competition for
 17 Korlym nationwide, and by paying kickbacks to physicians to induce brand Korlym
 18 prescriptions. TAC (¶¶136-67, 189-209); (¶¶168-88). The claims made under these
 19 provisions are identical to the federal antitrust claims made in Counts I-IV, *see id.*
 20 (¶¶232-59), because the restraint of trade and monopolization provisions of the Idaho
 21 Competition Act statute closely mirror the Sherman Act and should be applied in a
 22 manner consistent with federal antitrust laws, including the tolling and accrual
 23 standards applicable to the statute of limitations under federal law. *See* Idaho Code
 24 §§ 48-101, § 48-102(3) (laying out the harmonization provision which requires that
 25 the statute be “construed in harmony with federal judicial interpretations of
 26 comparable federal antitrust statutes ...”).

5. 740 Ill. Comp. Stat. 10/1, *et seq.*, provides a private right of action for
any person who has been “injured in his business or property” by a violation of
Section 3 of the Act. *Id.* 10/7(2). The Act also permits prevailing plaintiffs to
recover treble damages. *Id.* The statute of limitations period is four years, but if the
state Attorney General or other state attorney brings an antitrust action based in whole
or part on the same conduct, the statute will be tolled for the duration of the action
plus one year. *Id.* Defendants violated §3(2) (combination in restraint of trade) and
§3(3) (monopolization and attempted monopolization) of the Act by entering into
unlawful exclusive dealing agreements that effectively blocked (and threaten to
block) meaningful generic competition for Korlym nationwide, and by paying
kickbacks to physicians to induce brand Korlym prescriptions. TAC (¶¶136-67, 189-
209); (¶¶168-88). The claims made under these provisions are identical to the
Sherman Act claims made in Counts I-IV, *see id.* (¶¶232-59), because the restraint of
trade and monopolization provisions of the statute closely mirror the Sherman Act
and should be applied in a manner consistent with federal antitrust laws, including the
tolling and accrual standards applicable to the statute of limitations under federal law.
See 740 ILCS 10/11 (requiring that “when the wording of [the Illinois Antitrust Act]
is identical or similar to that of a federal antitrust law, the courts of this State shall use
the construction of the federal law by the federal courts as a guide in construing [the]
Act”); *see also Menasha Corp. v. News Am. Mktg. In-Store, Inc.*, 238 F. Supp. 2d
1024 (N.D. Ill. 2003) (treating monopolization, attempted monopolization, and
restraint of trade claims under the Illinois Antitrust Act as “identical or similar” to the
language of the Sherman Act); *DSM Desotech Inc. v. 3D Sys. Corp.*, 2009 WL
174989, at *6-12 (N.D. Ill. 2009) (holding that plaintiff stated valid claims for
attempted monopolization and restraint of trade under the Illinois Antitrust Act
because it upheld the same claims made under federal antitrust law).

1 6. Iowa Code §§ 553.1, *et seq.*, provides a private right of action to any
 2 “person who is injured or threatened with injury by conduct prohibited under this
 3 chapter” and allows them to bring suit for actual and exemplary damages. *Id.*
 4 § 553.12(1)-(3). The statute provides a limitations period of four years after a cause
 5 of action accrues, but if the state Attorney General or other state attorney brings an
 6 antitrust action based in whole or part on the same conduct, the statute will be tolled
 7 for the duration of the action plus one year. *Id.* § 553.16(2). The only specific
 8 accrual standard is that if a claim is fraudulently concealed, the statute begins to run
 9 within four years after the concealment became known. *Id.* Defendants violated
 10 § 553.4 (combination in restraint of trade) and § 553.5 (monopolization and attempted
 11 monopolization) of the Act by entering into unlawful exclusive dealing arrangements
 12 that effectively blocked (and threaten to block) meaningful generic competition for
 13 Korlym nationwide, and by paying kickbacks to physicians to induce brand Korlym
 14 prescriptions. TAC (¶¶136-67, 189-209); (¶¶168-88). The claims made under these
 15 provisions are identical to the Sherman Act claims made in Counts I-IV, *see id.*
 16 (¶¶232-59), because the restraint of trade and monopolization provisions of the statute
 17 closely mirror the Sherman Act and should be applied in a manner consistent with
 18 federal antitrust laws, including the tolling and accrual standards applicable to the
 19 statute of limitations under federal law. *See Next Generation Realty, Inc. v. Iowa*
 20 *Realty Co.*, 686 N.W.2d 206, 208 (Iowa 2004) (“In adopting Iowa Code chapter 553,
 21 the legislature left us without authority to innovate from the federal courts’
 22 understanding of federal antitrust law.”); *see also Mahaska Bottling Co. v. PepsiCo*
 23 *Inc.*, 271 F. Supp. 3d 1054, 1080 (S.D. Iowa 2017) (treating plaintiff’s Iowa
 24 Competition Law claim the same way the court treated plaintiff’s federal antitrust
 25 claim).

26 7. Kan. Stat. §§ 50-101, *et seq.*, provides a private right of action to “any
 27 person who may be damaged or injured by any agreement, monopoly, trust,
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conspiracy or combination which is declared unlawful by the Kansas restraint of trade act ... against any person causing such damage or injury.” *Id.* § 50-161(b). The statute of limitations for a private action under the Restraint of Trade Act is three years. Kan. Stat. §§ 60-512. Defendants violated § 50-112 (combination in restraint of trade) and § 50-132 (monopolization and attempted monopolization) by entering into unlawful exclusive dealing agreements that effectively blocked (and threaten to block) meaningful generic competition for Korlym nationwide, and by paying kickbacks to physicians to induce brand Korlym prescriptions. TAC (¶¶136-67, 189-209); (¶¶168-88). The claims made under these provisions are identical to the federal claims made in Counts I-IV, *see id.* (¶¶232-59), because the restraint of trade and monopolization provisions of the statute mirror the language of the Sherman Act and should be applied in a manner consistent with federal antitrust laws, including the tolling and accrual standards applicable to the statute of limitations under federal law. See *O'Brien v. Leegin Creative Leather Prods., Inc.*, 277 P.3d 1062, 1087 (Kan. 2012) (noting that both “K.S.A. 50-112 and § 1 of the Sherman Act share the ‘between persons’ language” and therefore looking to federal courts’ construction of this language was proper); *Smith v. Phillip Morris Cos.*, 335 P.3d 644, 653 (Kan. Ct. App. 2014) (“[F]ederal precedents interpreting, construing, and applying federal antitrust law can be persuasive authority”); *see also In re Linerboard Antitrust Litig.*, 223 F.R.D. 335, 351 (E.D. Pa. 2004) (citing Kan. Stat. Ann. § 50-112, among other state antitrust statutes, and stating “the state antitrust statutes on which plaintiffs’ claims are based [and] modeled upon or closely track the language of the federal antitrust statutes”). The statute also contains a harmonization provision that requires it to be construed in accordance with the judicial interpretations of federal antitrust law set forth by the U.S. Supreme Court. 2013 Kan. Sess. Laws, ch. 102, § 1(b).

1 8. Me. Rev. Stat. 10, §§ 1102, *et seq.*, provides a private right of action to
 2 any party "injured directly or indirectly in its business or property by any other person
 3 or corporation by reason of anything forbidden or declared to be unlawful by [the
 4 Act]." *Id.* § 1104. The statute of limitations period for civil antitrust actions in
 5 Maine is six years after the cause of action accrues. 14 M. R. S. A. § 752.
 6 Defendants violated Me. Rev. Stat. 10 § 1101 (combination in restraint of trade) and
 7 Me. Rev. Stat. 10 § 1102 (monopolization and attempted monopolization) of the act
 8 by entering into unlawful exclusive dealing agreements that effectively blocked (and
 9 threaten to block) meaningful generic competition for Korlym nationwide, and by
 10 paying kickbacks to physicians to induce brand Korlym prescriptions. TAC (¶¶136-
 11 67, 189-209); (¶¶168-88). The claims made under these provisions are identical to
 12 the Sherman Act claims made in Counts I-IV, *see id.* (¶¶232-59), because the restraint
 13 of trade and monopolization provisions of the statute closely mirror the Sherman Act
 14 and should be applied in a manner consistent with federal antitrust laws, including the
 15 tolling and accrual standards applicable to the statute of limitations under federal law.
 16 *See McKinnon v. Honeywell Int'l Inc.*, 977 A.2d 420 (Me. 2009) ("We look to both
 17 state and federal antitrust law for guidance in the interpretation of the Maine antitrust
 18 statute, including the accrual of an antitrust claim"); *DavricMaine Corp. v. Rancourt*,
 19 216 F.3d 143, 149 (1st Cir. 2000) (finding that Maine's antitrust laws "parallel the
 20 Sherman Act" and are interpreted in accordance with "the doctrines developed in
 21 relation to federal law.").

22 9. Mass. Gen. L. Ch. 93, §§ 1, *et seq.*, provides a private right of action to
 23 "[a]ny person who shall be injured in his business or property by reason of a violation
 24 of the provisions of this chapter." *Id.* § 12. The statute allows recovery of actual
 25 damages and treble damages if the court finds that the violation was engaged in with
 26 malicious intent to injure the person bringing the action. *Id.* The limitations period is
 27 four years, but if the state Attorney General or other state attorney brings an antitrust
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1 action based in whole or part on the same conduct, the statute will be tolled for the
 2 duration of the action plus one year. *Id.* § 13. Defendants violated § 4 (combination
 3 in restraint of trade) and § 5 (monopolization and attempted monopolization) of the
 4 Act by entering into unlawful exclusive dealing agreements that effectively blocked
 5 (and threaten to block) meaningful generic competition for Korlym nationwide, and
 6 by paying kickbacks to physicians to induce brand Korlym prescriptions. TAC
 7 (¶¶136-67, 189-209); (¶¶168-88). The claims made under these provisions are
 8 identical to the Sherman Act claims made in Counts I-IV, *see id.* (¶¶232-59), because
 9 the restraint of trade and monopolization provisions of the statute closely mirror the
 10 Sherman Act and should be applied in a manner consistent with federal antitrust laws,
 11 including the tolling and accrual standards applicable to the statute of limitations
 12 under federal law. *See* Mass. Gen. L. Ch. 93, § 1 (requiring that the antitrust statute
 13 be “construed in harmony with judicial interpretations of comparable federal antitrust
 14 statutes insofar as practicable”); *see Winter Hill Frozen Foods and Servs. v. Häagen-*
 15 *Dazs Co.*, 691 F. Supp. 539, 543 n.5 (D. Mass. 1988) (holding that M.G.L. ch. 93 § 4
 16 should be construed in accordance with Section 1 of the Sherman Act); *West Boylston*
 17 *Cinema Corp. v. Paramount Pictures Corp.*, 2000 Mass. Super. LEXIS 628, at *42 n.
 18 34 (Mass. Super. Ct. 2000) (holding that analysis under M.G.L. ch. 93 §§ 4 and 5 is
 19 same as analysis for §§ 1 and 2 Sherman Act claims).

20 10. Mich. Comp. Laws §§ 445.771, *et seq.*, provides a private right to
 21 action to “[any] ... person threatened with injury or injured directly or indirectly in
 22 his or her business or property by a violation of this act.” *Id.* § 445.778(2). The Act
 23 allows for recovery of actual damages, or treble damages if the trier of fact finds that
 24 the violation was “flagrant.” *Id.* The limitations period for private antitrust actions in
 25 Michigan is four years from the point the cause of action accrues or one year after the
 26 conclusion of an antitrust action brought by the state based in whole or part on any
 27 matter complained of in the private action, whichever is later. *Id.* § 445.781.

1 Defendants violated § 445.771 (combination in restraint of trade) and § 445.773
 2 (monopolization and attempted monopolization) of the Act by entering into unlawful
 3 exclusive dealing agreements that effectively blocked (and threaten to block)
 4 meaningful generic competition for Korlym nationwide, and by paying kickbacks to
 5 physicians to induce brand Korlym prescriptions. TAC (¶¶136-67, 189-209); (¶¶168-
 6 88). The claims made under these provisions are identical to the Sherman Act claims
 7 made in Counts I-IV, *see id.* (¶¶232-59), because the restraint of trade and
 8 monopolization provisions of the statute closely mirror the Sherman Act and should
 9 be applied in a manner consistent with federal antitrust laws, including the tolling and
 10 accrual standards applicable to the statute of limitations under federal law. *See Mich.*
 11 *Comp. Laws* § 445.784(2) (instructing courts to “give due deference to interpretations
 12 given by the federal courts to comparable antitrust statutes”); *see also DXS, Inc. v.*
 13 *Siemens Med. Sys., Inc.*, 991 F. Supp. 859, 865 (E.D. Mich. 1997) (“Courts
 14 examining claims under [the Michigan Antitrust] Act apply the same legal analysis as
 15 courts examining analogous claims under the Sherman Act”); *see also Partner &*
 16 *Partner, Inc. v. ExxonMobil Oil Corp.*, 2008 WL 896052, at *6 (E.D. Mich. Mar. 31,
 17 2008) (treating plaintiff’s restraint of trade claim under the state statute the same as
 18 plaintiff’s federal restraint of trade claim), *aff’d*, 326 F. App’x 892 (6th Cir. 2009).

19 11. Mo. Stat. §§ 416.011, *et seq.*, provides a private right of action to
 20 “[a]ny person ... who is injured in his business or property by reason of anything
 21 forbidden or declared unlawful by [the Act].” *Id.* § 416.121. The limitations period
 22 for private antitrust actions in Missouri is four years, but if the state Attorney General
 23 or other state attorney brings an antitrust action based in whole or part on the same
 24 conduct, the statute will be tolled for the duration of the action plus one year. *Id.*
 25 § 416.131(2). Defendants violated § 416.031(1) (combination in restraint of trade)
 26 and § 416.031(2) (monopolization and attempted monopolization) of the Act by
 27 entering into unlawful exclusive dealing agreements that effectively blocked (and
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1 threaten to block) meaningful generic competition for Korlym nationwide, and by
 2 paying kickbacks to physicians to induce brand Korlym prescriptions. TAC (¶¶136-
 3 67, 189-209); (¶¶168-88). The claims made under these provisions are identical to
 4 the Sherman Act claims made in Counts I-IV, *see id.* (¶¶232-59), because the restraint
 5 of trade and monopolization provisions of the statute closely mirror the Sherman Act
 6 and should be applied in a manner consistent with federal antitrust laws, including the
 7 tolling and accrual standards applicable to the statute of limitations under federal law.
 8 *See Woman's Clinic v. St. John's Health Sys.*, 252 F. Supp. 2d 857, 864 n.3 (finding
 9 that "Missouri's antitrust laws are almost identical to the Sherman Antitrust Act,
 10 hence the reasoning of all federal antitrust cases will be equally applicable to state
 11 claims"); *see also* Missouri Stat. § 416.141 (requiring that the state antitrust statute's
 12 provisions be "construed in harmony with ruling judicial interpretations of
 13 comparable federal antitrust statutes").

14 12. Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 59-801, *et seq.*, provides a private right of action to
 15 "[a]ny person who is injured in his or her business or property by any other person or
 16 persons by a violation of sections [of the Act], whether such injured person dealt
 17 directly or indirectly with the defendant." *Id.* § 59-821. There is no limitations
 18 period that applies specifically to antitrust claims in Nebraska. However, the Act
 19 requires courts to apply its provisions in accordance with federal antitrust law. *Id.*
 20 § 59-829 (stating that when the state antitrust law (the "Junkin Act") uses the same or
 21 similar language to a provision of the Sherman Act, "the courts of this state in
 22 construing such sections or chapter shall follow the construction given to the federal
 23 law by the federal courts"). Because the Act requires courts to apply the Act in
 24 accordance with federal antitrust law, the limitations period—along with the accrual
 25 and tolling standards—should mirror the federal standard. *See* 15 U.S.C. § 15(b)
 26 (specifying a four-year limitations period from the point the cause of action accrues).
 27 Defendants violated § 59-801 (combination in restraint of trade) and § 59-802
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(monopolization and attempted monopolization) of the Act by entering into unlawful exclusive dealing agreements that effectively blocked (and threaten to block) meaningful generic competition for Korlym nationwide, and by paying kickbacks to physicians to induce brand Korlym prescriptions. TAC (¶¶136-67, 189-209); (¶¶168-88). The claims made under these provisions are identical to the Sherman Act claims made in Counts I-IV, *see id.* (¶¶232-59), because the restraint of trade and monopolization provisions of the statute closely mirror the Sherman Act and should be applied in a manner consistent with federal antitrust laws. *See* Neb. Rev. Stat. § 59-829 (detailing the harmonization provision); *McDonald Apiary, LLC v. Starrh Bees, Inc.*, 2015 WL 11108873, at *6 n.4 (D. Neb. May 22, 2015) (“Federal authority construing the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1 et seq., is authoritative in construing similar provisions of the Junkin Act....”).

13. N.M. Stat. §§ 57-1-1, *et seq.*, provides a private right of action to “any person threatened with injury or injured in his business or property, directly or indirectly, by a violation [of the Act].” *Id.* § 57-1-3. The statute of limitations period for antitrust claims in New Mexico is four years, but if the state Attorney General or other state attorney brings an antitrust action based in whole or part on the same conduct, the statute will be tolled for the duration of the action plus one year. *Id.* § 57-1-12(B). Continuing violations are deemed to accrue at any time during the period of the violation. *Id. Id.* § 57-1-12(C). Defendants violated § 57-1-1 (combination in restraint of trade) and § 57-1-2 (monopolization and attempted monopolization) of the Act by entering into unlawful exclusive dealing agreements that effectively blocked (and threaten to block) meaningful generic competition for Korlym nationwide, and by paying kickbacks to physicians to induce brand Korlym prescriptions. TAC (¶¶136-67, 189-209); (¶¶168-88). The claims made under these provisions are identical to the Sherman Act claims made in Counts I-IV, *see id.* (¶¶232-59), because the restraint of trade and monopolization provisions of the statute closely mirror the

1 Sherman Act and should be applied in a manner consistent with federal antitrust laws,
 2 including the tolling and accrual standards applicable to the statute of limitations
 3 under federal law. *See Singh v. Mem'l Med. Ctr., Inc.*, 536 F. Supp. 2d 1244, 1247
 4 n.3 (D.N.M. 2008) (noting the relevant New Mexico antitrust statute “is patterned
 5 after Section 1 of the Sherman Antitrust Act, and mandates a construction ‘in
 6 harmony with judicial interpretations of the federal antitrust laws’” (quoting N.M.
 7 Stat. Ann. § 57-1-15)); *see also, e.g., Gutierrez v. Bean*, 2006 WL 4117064, at *5
 8 (D.N.M. Dec. 13, 2006) (“The NMAA pleading requirements for claims of price
 9 fixing, tying and, generally, all claims under the NMAA are the same as those for
 10 Sections 1 and 2 of the Sherman Act. Accordingly, for the reasons stated for the
 11 dismissal of the federal antitrust claims, Defendant is entitled to dismissal with
 12 prejudice of Plaintiffs’ antitrust claims brought pursuant to state law.”).

13 14. N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 75-1, *et seq.*, provides a private right of action to
 14 any person injured by reason of any act in violation of the provisions of the statute.
 15 § 75-16. Treble damages are to be awarded to a prevailing plaintiff. *Id.* The
 16 limitations period for antitrust actions in North Carolina is four years but if the state
 17 Attorney General or other state attorney brings an antitrust action based in whole or
 18 part on the same conduct, the statute will be tolled for the duration of the action plus
 19 one year. *Id.* § 75-16.2. The statute also requires that continuing violations be treated
 20 as separate offenses for each week that the violation continues. *Id.* § 75-8.
 21 Defendants violated § 75-1 (combination in restraint of trade) and § 75-2.1
 22 (monopolization and attempted monopolization) of the Act by entering into unlawful
 23 exclusive dealing agreements that effectively blocked (and threaten to block)
 24 meaningful generic competition for Korlym nationwide, and by paying kickbacks to
 25 physicians to induce brand Korlym prescriptions. TAC (¶¶136-67, 189-209); (¶¶168-
 26 88). The claims made under these provisions are identical to the Sherman Act claims
 27 made in Counts I-IV, *see id.* (¶¶232-59), because the restraint of trade and
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monopolization provisions of the statute closely mirror the Sherman Act and should be applied in a manner consistent with federal antitrust laws, including the tolling and accrual standards applicable to the statute of limitations under federal law. *See Rose v. Vulcan Materials Co.*, 194 S.E.2d 521, 530 (N.C. 1973) (noting that N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-1 “was based upon section one of the Sherman Act” and case law interpreting the Sherman Act is “instructive in determining the full reach of [the North Carolina] statute”).

15. Ohio R. C. §§ 1331.01, *et seq.*, provides a private right of action to any “person injured in the person's business or property by another person by reason of anything forbidden or ...unlawful in those sections, may sue therefor in any court ... without respect to the amount in controversy, and recover treble the damages sustained by the person and the person's costs of suit.” *Id.* § 1331.08. The limitations period for antitrust actions in Ohio is four years. § 1331.12(B). Defendants violated § 1331.04 by entering into unlawful exclusive dealing agreements that effectively blocked (and threaten to block) meaningful generic competition for Korlym nationwide, and by paying kickbacks to physicians to induce brand Korlym prescriptions. TAC (¶¶136-67, 189-209); (¶¶168-88). The claim made under these provisions are identical to the Sherman Act claim made in Counts III-IV, *see id.* (¶¶245-59), because the restraint of trade provision of the statute closely mirrors § 1 of the Sherman Act and should be applied in a manner consistent with federal antitrust laws, including the tolling and accrual standards applicable to the statute of limitations under federal law. *See Great Lakes Corp. v. Bessemer & Lake Erie R.R.*, 720 N.E.2d 551 (Ohio App. 8 Dist. 1998) (noting that the state antitrust statute is patterned after Sherman Act and has been interpreted in light of federal judicial constructions of Sherman Act); *Johnson v. Microsoft Corp.*, 834 N.E.2d 791 (Ohio 2005) (same); *see also Trane U.S. Inc. v. Meehan*, 563 F.Supp.2d 743, (N.D. Ohio 2008) (applying the continuing violations doctrine to state antitrust claims).

16. Okla. Stat. tit. 79 §§ 201, *et seq.*, provides a private right of action to “[a]ny person who is injured in his or her business or property by a violation of this act.” *Id.* § 205(A)(1). The limitations period for antitrust actions in Oklahoma is four years. *Id.* § 205(C). Defendants violated § 203(A) (combination in restraint of trade) and § 203(B) (monopolization and attempted monopolization) of the Act by entering into unlawful exclusive dealing agreements that effectively blocked (and threaten to block) meaningful generic competition for Korlym nationwide, and by paying kickbacks to physicians to induce brand Korlym prescriptions. TAC (¶¶136-67, 189-209); (¶¶168-88). The claims made under these provisions are identical to the Sherman Act claims made in Counts I-IV, *see id.* (¶¶232-59), because the restraint of trade and monopolization provisions of the statute closely mirror the Sherman Act and should be applied in a manner consistent with federal antitrust laws, including the tolling and accrual standards applicable to the statute of limitations under federal law. *See* Okla. Stat. tit. 79 § 212 (requiring that the statute be “interpreted in a manner consistent with Federal Antitrust Law, 15 U.S.C § 1, *et seq.*, and the case law applicable thereto”); *Beville v. Curry*, 39 P.3d 754, 759 (Okla. 2001) (noting that “[t]he provisions of this state's antitrust statutes are similar to federal legislation, and interpretation of federal antitrust legislation provides assistance in interpreting the provisions of the Oklahoma statutes”).

17. S.D. Codified Laws §§ 37-1-3.1, *et seq.*, provides a private right of action to “any person injured in his business or property by a violation of this chapter.” *Id.* 37-1-14.3. The limitations period for antitrust suits in South Dakota is four years, or one year after the conclusion of a state antitrust action brought by the Attorney General or other state attorney based in whole or part on the same conduct, whichever is later. *Id.* § 37-1-14.4. Defendants violated § 37-1-3.1 (combination in restraint of trade) and§ 37-1-3.2 (monopolization and attempted monopolization) of the Act by entering into unlawful exclusive dealing agreements that effectively

1 blocked (and threaten to block) meaningful generic competition for Korlym
 2 nationwide, and by paying kickbacks to physicians to induce brand Korlym
 3 prescriptions. TAC (¶¶136-67, 189-209); (¶¶168-88). The claims made under these
 4 provisions are identical to the Sherman Act claims made in Counts I-IV, *see id.*
 5 (¶¶232-59), because the restraint of trade and monopolization provisions of the statute
 6 closely mirror the Sherman Act and should be applied in a manner consistent with
 7 federal antitrust laws, including the tolling and accrual standards applicable to the
 8 statute of limitations under federal law. *See Byre v. City of Chamberlain*, 362
 9 N.W.2d 69, 74 (S.D. 1985) (“[B]ecause of the similarity of language between the
 10 federal and state antitrust statutes and because of the legislative suggestion for
 11 interpretation found in SDCL 37-1-22, great weight should be given to the federal
 12 cases interpreting the federal statute.”); *see also Assam Drug Co. v. Miller Brewing*
 13 *Co.*, 798 F.2d 311, 313 (8th Cir. 1986) (interpreting a claim under South Dakota’s
 14 antitrust law by looking to interpretations of federal antitrust law).

15 18. Va. Code §§ 59.1, *et seq.*, provides a private right of action to “[a]ny
 16 person injured in his business or property by reason of a violation of this chapter may
 17 recover the actual damages sustained[.]” *Id.* § 59.1-9.12. “If the trier of facts finds
 18 that the violation is willful or flagrant, it may increase damages to an amount not in
 19 excess of three times the actual damages sustained.” *Id.* The limitations period for
 20 antitrust suits in Virginia is four years after the cause of action accrues. *Id.* § 59.1-
 21 9.14(a). Defendants violated § 59.1-9.5 (combination in restraint of trade) and §
 22 59.1-9.6 (monopolization and attempted monopolization) of the Act by entering into
 23 unlawful exclusive dealing agreements that effectively blocked (and threaten to
 24 block) meaningful generic competition for Korlym nationwide, and by paying
 25 kickbacks to physicians to induce brand Korlym prescriptions. TAC (¶¶136-67, 189-
 26 209); (¶¶168-88). The claims made under these provisions are identical to the
 27 Sherman Act claims made in Counts I-IV, *see id.* (¶¶232-59), because the restraint of
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1 trade and monopolization provisions of the statute closely mirror the Sherman Act
 2 and should be applied in a manner consistent with federal antitrust laws, including the
 3 tolling and accrual standards applicable to the statute of limitations under federal law.
 4 *See Virginia Vermiculite, Ltd. v. W.R. Grace & Company-Conn.*, 965 F. Supp. 802,
 5 829 (W.D. Va. 1997) (noting that Virginia antitrust claims are governed by the same
 6 standard as parallel claims under the Sherman Act); *see also* Va. Code § 59.1-9.17
 7 (requiring that the statute be “applied and construed … in harmony with judicial
 8 interpretation of comparable federal statutory provisions”).

9 19. Wa. Rev. Code §§ 19.86.010, *et seq.*, provides a private right of action
 10 to “[any] person who is injured in his or her business or property” by a violation of
 11 the act. *Id.* § 19.86.090. The limitations period for antitrust suits in Washington is
 12 four years from the point the cause of action accrues. *Id.* § 19.86.120. Defendants
 13 violated § 19.86.030 (combination in restraint of trade) and § 19.86.040
 14 (monopolization and attempted monopolization) of the Act by entering into unlawful
 15 exclusive dealing agreements that effectively blocked (and threaten to block)
 16 meaningful generic competition for Korlym nationwide, and by paying kickbacks to
 17 physicians to induce brand Korlym prescriptions. TAC (¶¶136-67, 189-209); (¶¶168-
 18 88). The claims made under these provisions are identical to the Sherman Act claims
 19 made in Counts I-IV, *see id.* (¶¶232-59), because the restraint of trade and
 20 monopolization provisions of the statute closely mirror the Sherman Act and should
 21 be applied in a manner consistent with federal antitrust laws, including the tolling and
 22 accrual standards applicable to the statute of limitations under federal law. *See*
 23 *Murray Publ'g Co. v. Malmquist*, 832 P.2d 493, 497 n.4 (Wash. Ct. App. 1992)
 24 (observing that § 19.86.030 is nearly identical to § 1 of the Sherman Act); *Rowan Nw.*
 25 *Decorators v. Wash. State Convention & Trade Ctr.*, 898 P.2d 310, 314 n.14 (Wash.
 26 Ct. App. 1995) (“The [Act’s] prohibition on monopolies is patterned after and
 27 contains nearly identical language to the federal Sherman Antitrust Act...[.]”).

1 20. W.Va. Code §§ 47-18-1, *et seq.*, provides a private right of action to
 2 “[a]ny person who shall be injured in his business or property by reason of a violation
 3 of the provisions of this article.” *Id.* § 47-18-9. The limitations period for antitrust
 4 suits in West Virginia is four years, and a continuing violation is deemed to accrue at
 5 any time during the period of the violation. § 47-18-11. Defendants violated § 47-
 6 18-3 (combination in restraint of trade) and § 47-18-4 (monopolization and attempted
 7 monopolization) of the Act by entering into unlawful exclusive dealing agreements
 8 that effectively blocked (and threaten to block) meaningful generic competition for
 9 Korlym nationwide, and by paying kickbacks to physicians to induce brand Korlym
 10 prescriptions. TAC (¶¶136-67, 189-209); (¶¶168-88). The claims made under these
 11 provisions are identical to the Sherman Act claims made in Counts I-IV, *see id.*
 12 (¶¶232-59), because the restraint of trade and monopolization provisions of the statute
 13 closely mirror the Sherman Act and should be applied in a manner consistent with
 14 federal antitrust laws, including the tolling and accrual standards applicable to the
 15 statute of limitations under federal law. *See Kessel v. Monongalia Cnty. Gen. Hosp.*
 16 Co., 648 S.E.2d 366, 374 (W. Va. 2007) (explaining that West Virginia law directs
 17 courts to apply federal decisional law interpreting the Sherman Act to West Virginia’s
 18 own parallel antitrust statute).

19 21. Wis. Stat. §§ 133.01, *et seq.*, provides a private right of action for “any
 20 person injured, directly or indirectly, by reason of anything prohibited by this
 21 chapter.” *Id.* § 133.18(1)(a). The limitations period for antitrust suits in Wisconsin is
 22 six years after the cause of action accrued. *Id.* § 133.18(2). Defendants violated
 23 § 133.03(1) (combination in restraint of trade) and § 133.03(2) (monopolization and
 24 attempted monopolization) of the Act by entering into unlawful exclusive dealing
 25 agreements that effectively blocked (and threaten to block) meaningful generic
 26 competition for Korlym nationwide, and by paying kickbacks to physicians to induce
 27 brand Korlym prescriptions. TAC (¶¶136-67, 189-209); (¶¶168-88). The claims
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 2 I-IV, *see id.* (¶¶232-59), because the restraint of trade and monopolization provisions
 3 of the statute closely mirror the Sherman Act and should be applied in a manner
 4 consistent with federal antitrust laws, including the tolling and accrual standards
 5 applicable to the statute of limitations under federal law. *See Conley Publ'g Grp.,*
 6 *Ltd. v. J. Commc'nns, Inc.*, 665 N.W.2d 879, 885-86 (Wis. 2003) (“[T]he construction
 7 of [the Wisconsin Antitrust Act] is controlled by federal decisions under the Sherman
 8 Act.” (citation omitted)), *abrogated on other grounds* by *Olstad v. Microsoft Corp.*,
 9 700 N.W.2d 139 (Wis. 2005); *see also Roumann Consulting Inc. v. Symbiont Constr.,*
 10 *Inc.*, 2019 WL 3501527, at *11 (E.D. Wis. Aug. 1, 2019) (finding that “Wisconsin
 11 courts construe [§ 133.01(1)] in conformity with federal cases decided under the
 12 Sherman Act”).

13 280. Such unlawful acts by Defendants have had, and continue to have, a substantial and
 14 foreseeable effect on the commerce of the states and territories whose laws are recited above, by
 15 artificially suppressing competition, and raising prices, for brand Korlym paid for and/or dispensed
 16 in each of those states and territories.

17 281. Such unlawful activities have affected (and continue to affect) both intrastate
 18 commerce and interstate commerce flowing into or out of the states and territories whose laws are
 19 recited above, and have had (and continue to have) direct, substantial, and reasonably foreseeable
 20 effects upon trade and commerce in each of the states and territories whose laws are recited above.

21 282. Through either Defendants themselves or agents/contractors they have engaged for
 22 the sale of brand Korlym, millions of dollars’ worth of brand Korlym has been, and continues to be,
 23 sold in the states and territories whose laws are recited above every year.

24 283. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ violation of each of the foregoing
 25 laws, Teva has been harmed because it has been blocked from effectively competing in the market,
 26 despite the cheaper cost of its equivalent product. All the while, Corcept has enjoyed ill-gotten gains
 27 from the overly inflated cost and sales of its branded drug.

284. Defendants' conduct was done knowingly, willingly, and flagrantly.

285. Teva is entitled to damages and injunctive relief to remedy these injuries.

PRAAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Teva prays that the Court:

286. Enter judgment against Defendants and in favor of Teva;

287. Award Teva actual, consequential, compensatory, treble, punitive, and/or other damages, in an amount to be proven at trial, including pre- and post-judgment interest at the statutory rates;

288. Enter an injunction invalidating the exclusive-dealing arrangements between Corcept and Optime, and between Corcept and Curant, and any other practices by Defendants that effectively and unlawfully stifle competition; and

289. Award such further and additional legal and equitable relief as is necessary to correct for the anticompetitive market effects caused by Defendants' unlawful conduct, as the Court may deem just and proper under the circumstances.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

290. Teva demands a jury trial on all claims so triable under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure Rule 38(b).

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